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# Branson Win puts lottery bosses in dock

Future management of the National Lottery was thrown into doubt last night after a High Court jury decided that an attempt was made to bribe Richard Branson by a rival bidding to win the lottery contract. Andrew Buncombe reports. :

At the end of a three-week libel case in the High Court, Guy Snowden, head of the American company GTech, immediately resigned as a director of Camelot and it was announced that there would be a full in- . ed that such a notion was nonvestigation into the bribery attempt and the damaging fallout. Many at Westminster believe there should be a fundamental overhaul of the way the lottery

pany provides all the computer equipment for Camelot, a witness and said he could not which runs the National Lottery, was in effect found guilty of trying to bribe Mr Branson o get him to drop his hid to run. no-profit lottery during a now notorious lunch in September 1993



Guy Snowden: 'Distressing two-year ordeal'

Mr Branson, 47, said after the hearing that the public's fuith in the lottery would only he restored if a full investigation into the matter was carried out. He also called on Peter Davis, the head of Oflot, to consider his position and said it would be "incredible" if he did not resign. "We came to the High Court to ask a jury to adjudicate," said the clearly delighted Virgin boss.

Last night as the fallout from the case threatened to spread, Culture Secretary Chris Smith said he would personally be monitoring the situation. "Ir is right that Guy Snowden should resign immediately in the light of the jury's verdict," he said.

Sources close to the minister said he was deeply concerned about what had happened and that he was demanding Oflot, the lottery watchdog, carry out a full inquiry. Mr Branson said later in a statement: "I believe the faith

of the British public can only be fully restored by the appointment of a new Director General of Oflot, with immediate effect, as a first step to restoring the credibility of the lottery and, in the meantime, Peter Davis should consider his position very carefully.

During the course of the trial it emerged that Peter Davis, who awarded the lottery to Glech and Camelot, had serious reservations about Glech from day one, despite the fact that I had been assured by him that they were a fit and proper organisation to be involved in the UK National Lottery. This action has clearly demonstratsense from the start."

In a typically ebuilient gesture, he said he would donate his damages of £100,000 to "those smaller charities who min. had lost out as a result of the Mr Snowden, whose same lottery.

Mr Davis, who was called as remember Mr Branson ever mentioning an alleged bribe to him, said last night he had written to Camelot demanding action, including the "termination" of Mr Snowden's involvement in the lottery.

"I have been in contact with the Chairman of Camelot Group plc to specify the areas in which I consider action necessary, and to say that I expect action to be put in hand within 24 hours," he said. He said he would not be de-

manding Mr Snowden resign as chairman of Glech Corporation, or that GTech divest itself of its 22.5 per cent shareholding in Camelot. He said there was nothing to suggest Camelot would continue its role of lottery operator.

He also denied his own position was at risk. "My veracity was not questioned in the court, I'm going to continue to do the job that's given to me by the Lottery Act."

Mr Branson had sued Mr Snowden and GTech after he dismissed as false the entrepreneur's claim that the American had tried to bribe him. Mr Snowden had countersued over the original allegation, made on BBC TV in December 1995.

Mr Snowden, 52, said he was extremely disappointed by the result but that he was considering an appeal. He said he had resigned from Camelot and Glech UK but that he could see no reason why Glech should not continue to be part of Camelot, of which it currently holds 22.5 per cent.

He added: "This has been a distressing two-year ordeal and a fight against the word of one of Britain's most popular and well known figures."

Last night Camelot insisted the case had no implications for the operation of the lottery. Bribe bombshell, page 5



Moment of triumph: Richard Branson outside the High Court with his wife, father and sisters after the verdict

Photograph: Brian Harris voted last night to deny her appeal for last-minute clemency.

## US and Russia split on Iraq strikes

Russia warned the West against launching air strikes in Iraq, and tried to broker a diplomatic deal. But Britain and

America shrugged off its warnings. Steve Crawshaw and Anthony Bevins report.

Russia vesterday issued its starkest warning yet against military action in Iraq, saying that airstrikes could be "fraught with unpredictable consequences" and would cause "big civilian casualties". It was the clearest sign of differences between Moscow and the West over the Gulf since 1990, when Russia tried but failed to head

Britain and the United States continued to pile the military pressure on Saddam Hussein. Six Royal Navy Sea

Harrier jump jets left their Hussein's offer, saying there sites, Mr Cook argued: "If we base at Yeovilton to join the aircraft carrier Illustrious in the Mediterranean. The Russian Foreign Minis-

ter, Yevgeny Primakov, said that "diplomatic efforts should be continued and may bear fruit". He warned that the situation was "acquiring a more and more menacing character." Russia has been keen to find

the hint of a concession. A spokesman in Moscow said that in conversation with President Boris Yeltsin's envoy. President Hussein declared his readiness to allow the United Nations to monitor eight new sites and to meet the chief UN arms inspector, Richard Butler.

The US Defense Secretary. William Cohen, insisted, however, that the Iraqi proposal was "not a solution", and Britain seemed equally cautious. The Prime Minister's spokesman was sceptical about President

were many more than eight sites that UN monitors required access to.

Answering an emergency Commission sugation, the Foreign Secretary. Robin Cook. argued: "Without effective [United Nations] monitoring. Iraq could produce enough anthrax every week to fill two missile warheads and could,

large volume of nerve gas." Apparently backing up their caution, Iraq later said that it had offered no concessions. Previous confrontations have often shown Iraq to be ready to say one thing, then do another, in pursuit of brinkmanship.

Mr Cook told MPs that the Government was taking the lead in the UN Security Council, with a draft resolution seeking to ensure that UN monitors were given full and unrestricted access to suspected weapons

been giving concern for weeks.

It is understood that the world

football body Fifa asked for the

turf to he relaid after last

The French news agency.

week's maugural game.

want a diplomatic solution, we have to demonstrate that we are prepared to go for military force if need be."

President Yeltsin spoke on the telephone to President Bill Clinton, as the efforts to seek a diplomatic solution continued. France has also made it clear that it opposes military action. A French spokesman said that sending a "very firm" message to Saddam Hussein with a senior foreign ministry official

who left for Baghdad yesterday. Washington has also met resistance from the Arab world. The US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, met the Saudi heir apparent, Crown Prince Abdullah, at a desert encampment outside Riyadh, on a tour to drum up support for possible air strikes. She demed suggestions she was getting no Arah support during her tour.

As the signs of imminent conflict mounted, Israel went into panic mode. Patriot missiles were deployed in the southern Negev desert, Israelis were issued gas masks, and the government asked to huy millions of doses of antidotes from the United States. Israel

was a target of Iraqi Scud

had taken no action. missile strikes in the 1991 Gulf David Usborne, Huntsville

Death

Row plea

Karla Faye Tucker, the woman on death row in Texas who is due to be executed today, made a last-minute effort to win a reprieve yesterday. But her chances seemed to be fading. In a letter to the Texan Governor, George Bush, she said: "I am seeking you to commute my sentence and allow me to pay society back by helping others. I

can't bring back the lives I took. But I can, if I am allowed, help save lives. That is the only real restitution I can give."

Tucker, who admits slaying two people in Houston in 1983

with a hammer and pickare,

would be the first woman to be

executed in Terms since the Civ-

il War. Nationally, only one woman has been put to death

since the Supreme Court lifted

She put in an order for a final meal of a banana, a peach

the ban on executions in 1976.

and a tossed salad after the Texas

Board of Pardons and Paroles

The board's vote virtually

erases any hope Tucker and sup-

porters around the world, from

Pope John Paul II to members

of the European Parliament,

have of preventing her walk to

the death chamber in Huntsville

jail today. She is scheduled to

be dispatched by injection soon

The decision now hinds the

hands of Texas governor, Mr

Bush, the son of the former pres-

ident, who can only grant a 30-

day reprieve. Tucker's lawyers

have, however, placed an appeal

before the US Supreme Court

in Washington, which last night

after midnight British time.

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## Frozen rugby pitch becomes explosive issue

The France-England rugby match on Saturday is threatened by the state of the controversial pitch at the brand new, £270m showpiece World Cup stadium just outside Paris.

If the game is postponed, it would be the second England international in a matter of days following the first cricket Test in Jamaica - to be called off because of pitch problems.

The turf at the Stade de France - close to unplayable when France played Spain at soccer last week - is frozen to a depth of five centimetres, with further frost on the way. Environmental groups have

been warning for months that the pitch could be threatened by seeping chemical and gases from the heavily polluted former gasworks site on which the stadium was constructed. Jackie Bonnemains, of the pressure group Robin des Bois (Robin Hood), said yesterday that the



Frozen asset: The Stade de France, beset by problems

threat of gas seepage explained why no underground heating system was installed. "According to our information, an electric heating system of this kind could have reacted with the gases and caused an explosion."

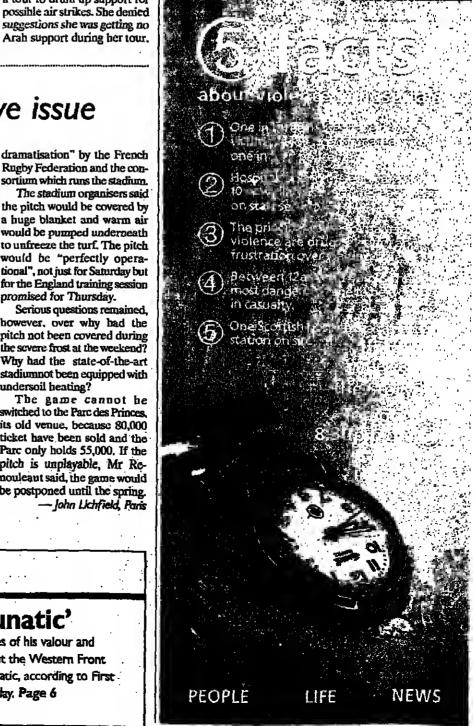
AFP reported yesterday that The cold weather may not the France-England game was be the only problem. The pitch "heavily threatened". This was was laid last autumn and has later rejected as an "over-

sortium which runs the stadium.

The stadium organisers said the pitch would be covered by a huge blanket and warm air would be pumped underneath to unfreeze the turf. The pitch would be "perfectly operational", not just for Saturday but for the England training session promised for Thursday.

Serious questions remained, however, over why had the pitch not been covered during the severe frost at the weekend? Why had the state-of-the-art stadiumnot been equipped with undersoil heating?

The game cannot be switched to the Parc des Princes, its old venue, because 80,000 ticket have been sold and the Parc only holds 55,000, If the pitch is unplayable, Mr Renouleant said, the game would be postponed until the spring. - John Lichfield, Paris



## TODAY'S NEWS

## Bone marrow appeal

Alastair. Campbell, Tony Blair's press secretary, has made an emotional appeal for bone marrow donors to save a nine-year-old girl. She is suffering from the leukaemia that killed both her grandmother and father. Page 3

## Loyalists' unholy war

The Loyalist Volunteer Force, which recently killed five Catholics, warned it would wage "an unholy war against the nationalist community" following a republican threat against the family of a loyalist killed by the Inla. Page 4

#### War poet a 'lunatic'

Lawrence of Arabia invented tales of his valour and Siegfried Sassoon's protests about the Western Front staughter were the work of a lunatic, according to First World War files released yesterday. Page 6

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## Cold comfort for all on Groundhog Day

The Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather Prophet Extraordinary has spoken: Punxsatawney Phil, the American groundhog revered by thousands, popped out of his hurrow on Gohhler's Knob, saw his own shadow and declared that winter will persist for another six weeks.

Yesterday was Groundhog Day, when thousands of Americans make their annual pilgrimage to the small Pennsylvania town of Punxsatawney to see Phil coaxed out of his luxury, electrically-heated hillton hurrow to make his prediction. Around 20,000 people were there when the groundhog emerged at 7.20am and his loyal supporters insist, despite strong evidence to the contrary, that he is always right. In fact, he predicts another six weeks of winter nine times out of 10, and he six out of 10 of these predictions are correct. The tradition has been maintained since 1886, and nearly led to



Bill Cooper, president of the Groundhog Club, hears Phil's

war between Punxsatawney and the State of California in 1953. In that year, the good folk of the town presented a "Royal Groundhog Couple", named Elizabeth and Philip, to the Los Angeles Griffith Park Zoo. The California Department of Agriculture, however, declared the young groundhogs to be "agricultural pests" and ordered them destroyed. Despite a national protest, the six-week-old baby groundhogs were lined up and shot. Or, as a Beverly Hills newspaper reported: "Two little groundhogs dropped their shadows and picked up eternity's wings."

All citizens of California were promptly denied membership of the Punxsatawney Groundhog Club and there was talk of forming a militia to march on California. The bodies of Elizabeth and Philip were hrought home for a dignified hurial.

Despite having been a national inprediction Photograph: Reuters stitution for over a century, Punxsatawney Phil only became a true

celebrity after the release of Harold Ramis's 1993 film Groundhog Day in which Bill Murray played the part of a weatherman doomed to repeat the same day in his life over and over again.

Groundhogs apart, there seems to be little excitement in Punxsatawney. The town's homepage on the World Wide Weh has a list of "Interesting Facts About Punxsatawney" of which the most interesting seems to be that it is near towns called Panic, Desire and Harmony. Our own newspaper database contains just one news story about the town that does not mention the word "groundhog". Its headline: "Trapped lumberjack cuts off leg with penknife." There must be another good story concerning the origin of the place name "Gobbler's Knoh" but that seems to be lost in antiquity. It certainly predates the time of Bill Clinton's presidency,

- William Hartston Weather Page, The Eye, page 10

## **PEOPLE**



Nicholas Payne: Leaves Covent Garden at a time of crisis for the homeless company

#### Royal Opera director defects to the ENO

Nicholas Payne, director of the Royal Opera has de- Opera is a superb company, playing a unique role in fected to the English National Opera, where he will become general director. The move, predicted three weeks ago in The Independent, will be a blow to the Royal Opera House, only just recovering from a damning report by a House of Commons select committee. Indeed, the new ROH chairman, Sir Colin artists and wonderful colleagues. All of them have Southgate, said when he was appointed last month that he would not consider it to be a great start for him if Mr Payne left. Mr Payne had previously shown his disillusionment at Covent Garden, publicly describing remarks by former chairman Lord Chadlington about the opera company's finances as "bollocks".

Mr Payne, 53, has been director of the Royal Opera company for five years. He is the first person to move from Covent Garden to the nearby London Coliseum at such a senior level, formerly ran Opera North and at the ENO will he reunited with music director Paul Daniel, who worked with him at Opera North. Mr Payne will be anxious that the inquiry being led by Sir Richard Eyre will rule out the option of the English National Opera sharing Covent Garden with the Royal Opera, as suggested

by Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture. Mr Payne said yesterday: "English National

the popularising of opera in this country. I am honoured to be asked to lead the company, in partnership with Paul Daniel, during these challenging times. None the less, it will be a wrench to leave Covent Garden, where I have been privileged to work with great my thanks and best wishes for the journey ahead."

Mr Daniel added: "Nicholas Payne is a formidable champion of opera and has an inspiring reputation for adventure mixed with huge experience. I am delighted that he and I can resume the creative partnership we enjoyed at Opera North, and I warmly welcome him to ENO."

John Baker, chairman of the ENO board, said: "Nicholas Payne's outstanding career, both as director of the Royal Opera and prior to that as general administrator of Opera North, will bring to ENO a high level of proven ability. Working together with Paul Daniel, he will lead the company forward at a time of great change in the arts.

Mr Payne will take up his appointment in the summer. Until then Mr Daniel will continue to lead the

- David Lister, Arts News Editor

## **UPDATE**

#### MONETARY UNION

#### Hostility to single currency falls

The public's hostility to British membership of the single currency is at its lowest this decade, according to a new poll for Salomon Smith Barney, the investment bank. With 32 per cent saying they would vote to join if a referendum were held tomorrow, and 52 per cent saying they would vote against, the balance of minus 19 per cent (after rounding) against membership is the lowest since Mori started conducting this opinion survey. in November 1991.

The detailed results show a sharp swing since November in favour of joining amongst Labour and Liberal Democrat voters, people at both the very top and very bottom of the income scale, and amongst 25- to 44-yearolds. Asked about their intentions if the Government was strongly urging membership, the proportion saying they would vote no in a referendum fell below a half, and the balance opposed dropped to minus 9 per cent. "Europe" has ranked amongst the top five voter concerns every month for the past year, and is on a par with the more usual priorities such as unemployment and education.

According to the report from the bank, the financial markets regard Britain's entry into the single currency by 2003 to be a near-certainty. - Diane Coyle, Economics Editor

#### ANIMAL CRUELTY

#### Circus animals starved and beaten

Secret cameras have filmed lions, tigers and elephants being beaten, starved and confined in tiny cages at circuses across Britain. The recordings. taken at five circuses over an 18 month period, reveal more than 400 hours of abuse against circus animals. At the Mary Chipperfield Circus, three



elephants were kept inside a barn for three months. Tembo, a 12-year-old African elephant, had a tent pole broken over him and another elephant, Opel, was filmed screaming as she was beaten to the ground. Trudy, a baby chimpanzee was kicked, hit and beaten across the face with a riding crop when she would not return to her cage. At the Circus Harlequin, tigers and lions were hit with iron bars and jabbed in the mouth until they hled.

The cameras were hidden by the charity Animal Defenders who called yesterday for a ban on performing animals. They want circuses to be brought under the Zoo Licensing Act to make it easier to prosecute abusers.

Jan Creamer, director of Animal Defenders, said: "In more than 20 years of studying the use of animals and campaigning for animal protec-

Elton John, who is supporting the campaign to ban animals from circuses, said: "The animal circus is a relic of a bygone era and has no place as a form of modern entertainment."

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#### \$1.45 P. 11 E. 11 Sara draws back the Internet curtains for all

JennyCam, featuring 24-hour live he surprisingly addictive. pictures from inside an American woman's bedroom, can now tune

The site, launched yesterday by cable station Bravo, will send a new picture every three seconds from the hedroom of East London actress Sara, who despite opening her bedroom to the world is unwilling to reveal her surname.

Viewers of JennyCam say watching Jenny sleep, tidy her

Fans of the Internet site room and chat to her friends can

Viewers of the Internet station Bravo were invited to vote for a into a British version -- SaraCam. British Jenny from a short-list of three young women. Almost 50 per cent decided Sara's boudoir was the

one they would most like to spy on. James Matheson, spokesman for Bravo, denied SaraCam's privacy. And while the selfaudience would he dominated by dirty old men. "It'll be more like she is unshockable, it is understood a real soap opera," he said. no nudity will be involved. "Sara has a great personality and

she's bound to be throwing loads of parties.

"On the other hand there will prohably be quite a lot of time when all you will be able to see is Sara's cat asleep on her bed or Sara hrushing her hair."

The camera can be turned off or moved away if Sara wants a little confessed show-off said yesterday

## tion, this is the most appalling abuse I have ever seen." - Rosa Prince **CONTENTS**

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## PM's aide in desperate plea to save cancer girl

Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's press secretary, has made an emotional appeal for bone marrow donors to save the life of nine-yearold Eilie Merritt.

Louise Jury reports on the story of the little girl who is suffering from the leukaemia that killed both her grandmother and her father, John, one of Mr Campbell's dosest friends.

Ellie Merritt is desperately ill in London's Great Orunnd Street Hospital. She just lies there, Alastair Campbell said, with her red hair thinning and her bright smile waning just as her father once lay in ward B3 at Hammersmith hospital.

Her life could be saved by a bone marrow transplant, but her mother, Lindsay Nicholson, and her little sister. Hope, are not compatible and the chances nf matching with an unrelated donor could be as remnte as ooe in 100,000.

Juhn Merritt, who worked for the Daily Mirror and the Observer, died aged 35 in 1992 while waiting for a suitable donor. He was a highly respected reporter whose memorable articles including exposing the barbaric cooditions of Greek mental pa-

tients and even an NHS scandal from his hospital hed.

Driven by that memory, Ms Nicholson, 41, has launched a campaign in Prima, the monthly magazine she edits, to encourage more bone marrow donors. Mr Campbell has added his voice to those who cannot bear to see tragedy strike again. He said the only time Mr Merritt ever cried or asked "why me?" was when he spoke of his daughter.

Mr Campbell appealed to penple to volunteer to be donors, whose tissue type details are kept oo the database of the Anthony Nolao Bone Marrow Trust. "It may save Ellie, it may save someone else. Either way, the memory of a great talent merits a response," he said.

Ms Nicholson said: "To have lost my husband and for Ellie tn have lost her father and tn be plunged into this oow is unimaginable. For me, the overwhelmiog thought is that there is someooe out there whn could have matched Jnhn and we didn't find them. There is somenne who could save Ellie and we don't know who they are, but we have to try to reach that person somehow ... '

A spokeswomao for the Anthony Nnlan Bnoe Marrow Trust said it received oearly 10,000 calls last week after Ms Nicholson first spoke nut about her daughter's plight.

In see whether you are a suitable dooor, contact the trust

## Family gene that can bring tragedy

One of the most frightening aspects of cancer is its unpredictability. In most cases, it strikes out of the blue where there is no history and no anparent cause. But in nne in ten in the broader family. If there ses, there is a family link, suggesting a genetic predispositon.

Professor Mel Greaves, of the Institute of Cancer Research, said: "We have two families under treatment at the Royal Marsden hospital with leukaemia in three generations. If it were in twn, it could be coincidence hut when it is in three that is stretching it. Given the genetic predispositioo in common cancers such as breast and colon it would be surprising if leukaemia were an exception. The difference with

lenkaemia is that we don't know what the gene is."

The strength of the genetic predisposition can be gauged from the number of cases withare many siblings in each generation and only nne nr two are affected it is likely to be weak requiring an eovironmental trigger to cause the cancer. But some genes are so strongly predisposing, there is no need for an environmental trigger.

A further clue comes from the age at diagnosis. If it is younger in each succeeding generatioo, as in the Merritt case, it is suggestive of inherited predisposition.

- Jeremy Laurance



Lindsay Nicholson and Ellie, who needs a hone marrow transplant Photograph: Jayne Russell

## Now paranormal becomes the norm

More men believe in the paranormal than in God, and two thirds of people give credence to psychic powers. Kathy Marks looks for some

Nigel Briscoe is an intelligent, articulate man who earns his living as a deep sea diver in the offshore oil industry. Fifteen years ago, he visited Rita Rogers, the medium who was later consulted by Diana, Princess of Wales.

"It started out as a bit of a joke, hut Rita hlew my socks off," he said. "She said that she didn't know what my job was, but she could see me surrouoded by water. She didn't know me from Adam, hut she knew everything

Mr Briscoe found her predictions unerringly accurate. "I saw Rita once after I had been on a diving course in Falmouth," he said. "She said to me: 'You've just met a girl called Jean.' She was absolutely right."

He is among a growing number of Britons who are throwing incredulity to the winds and turning to people who would once have been dismissed as cranks: mediums, spiritualists, faith healers and fortune tellers.

The conclusions of the survey, conducted for the Daily Mail, are startling. Sixty-three per cent of people said that they believe in the parannrmal - phenomena that cannot be explained by science. Sixty-four cent said they believe in pyschic powers; 38 per cent in ghosts; 34 per cent in poltergeists; 29 per

cent in alien visitations. There are whole rafts of theories about this explosion nf interest in the inexplicable - pre-millennium angst, the Age of Aquarius, Princess Diana's visits to Ms Rogers, pro-

grammes such as The X-Files. Mediums are divided about what draws them to the profession. "Everyone is pyschic; you just have to learn how to use your powers," said Lucinda June, a ghosthunter. "You're either born with the gift, or you're not." said Barbara King, who is also

Rita Rogers' sister. It is easy to scoff, but both Ms June and Ms King have been called in by police on murder investigations. And the church oeed not despair. Nigel Briscoe, through his experiences with mediums, has become a born-again

## Search for meaning in a weird and wonderful world

You could always blame the millennium. Belief in the parannrmal is up and in God is down in, according to the latest survey. Almost half of tweotysomethings believe that ghosts exist. Yet they are considerably less likely to believe in the Almighty.

Although the figures, in an ICM poli of 1,000 people each interviewed for two hnurs, published in the Daily Mail yesterday, show that the public are more likely to. believe in preternatural activities, they also reveal a diminishing basis for such beliefs. The statistics show that those claiming to have had direct experience of weird according to Professor Richard Wiseman of the University of Hertfordshire, ooe of the academic world's leading sceptical experts on the paranormal.

It is a historical fact that a resurgence of apocalyptic beliefs characterise the turn nf a century but most particularly a millennium. The decline of orthodox religioo appears only in have nurtured this, with the blossoming of a New



Age-ism which places personal fulfilment at the heart of spirituality. For example, celebrating the Celtic Fire Festival (pictured) at the beginning of Spring.

You could hlame the media. Our televisino screens are afflicted by a rash of strange-but-true programmes which, lacking any pretence at investigative rigour, present the paranormal as entertain-

But a number of factors combine here. The scientific method may promote rationalism but science has created miracle technologies which seem little short of magic - for example an Internet which alvs musicians in different countries to play along in the The survey's definition of

"paranormal" is so loose that, as psychologist Susan Blackmore of the University of the West of England points out, it would cover any physical phenomena that we don't yet fully understand - like consciousness. It confuses the paranormal with the supernatural and lumps God in with spoon-bending. Telepathy and

psychnkinesis - if they exist are still phenomena. They are facts about the world. By contrast a supernatural event, like the Resurrection, is something which transforms human experience. A Jesus beamed up to heaven would be a bit of sci-fi parannrmal; a resurrected Christ whn transforms the life of those who believe constitutes a heightening or fulfilment of the natural - it alters how we read the world now. It is about searching for meaning in the events of the

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A medium who tells us that the spirits of the dead try to get in touch with their living relatives makes dying sound like going to Australia. The transcendent view is that death is the end of our life story and that resurrection is annther order of being.

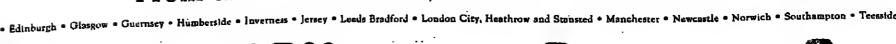
It was a distinction which G K Chestertnn understood well ennugh. "When people cease to believe in something," he once said, "they do ont helieve in nothing, they

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## Loyalists threaten 'unholy war' against nationalists

Although there have been no sectarian killings in Northern Ireland in recent days, a number of death-threats have again raised tension, writes David McKittrick, Ireland Correspondent.

Threats and counter-threats filled the air yesterday as the Loyalist Volunteer Force, which recently killed five Catholics, said it would wage "an unholy war against the nationalist community." It was responding to a republican threat against the family of Billy Wright, the loyalist leader killed by the Irish National Liberation Army just after Christmas.

There have also heen possibly unrelated threats against a unionist councillor in Londonderry and against Protestant workmen in the south Armagh area. While the status of the but others could be real.

Although no killings have been carried out in recent days. the violence which left eight dead in December and January has left its mark. Last week an LVF statement that it was suspending attacks on "ordinary Catholics" was seen as progress of a sort, but yesterday's statement was full of renewed menace. Security sources confirmed police had passed warnings of death-threats a week ago to the Wright family, who live in Portadown, Co Armagh. Wright's father, David, who has made clear his opposition to violence and described killings in retaliation for his son's death as abhorrent, said the family was

taking the matter seriously. The LVF said in its statement: "If republicans do not come out and deny these claims ... the LVF will take these threats seriously. If republi-

RUC spokesman said some the next 12 hours, the LVF will threats might be mischievous, unleash an unholy war against the nationalist community. These type of sick threats against the late Billy Wright's family will not be tolerated."

The INLA, which killed Wright, quickly let it be know the threats did not come from them. Elsewhere in Co Armagh, road-gritting has been suspended in some areas hecause of a threat purporting to come from the "Catholic Reaction Force," a cover-name occasionally used in the past by the IRA. This threatened the lives of Protestants driving roadgritting vehicles. A spokesman for the GMB

union said: "These are men working on their own on dark roads in the early hours, and it's threatening enough in those conditions without having to worry about a threat from some paramilitary source." Northern Ireland environment minister Lord Dubs said he was very cans do not come out and issue concerned: "Clearly I can't dis-

they have raised tension. An this statement of denial within miss it as an idle threat: I don't want to seed them into situations which are dangerous."

In Londonderry, Ulster Unionist councillor Andrew Davidson said he had gooe into hiding after being told by police he was one of three prominent Protestants whose names could be on a death-list. ■ Ministers are planning to soften unionist opposition to new legislation on parades by placing restrictions on protesters as well as marchers. Last night the Northern Ireland minister Adam Ingram published an amendment to the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Bill demanding that protesters give two weeks' notice in writing to the RUC. It means groups wanting to oppose parades will have a fortnight to organise themselves - marchers must give 28 days' notice of their intentions. Mr Ingram is also expected to table an amendment forcing protesters to comply with a code of conduct which it already imposes on marchers.

Pharaoh style: One of Zandra Rhodes Secrets of the Nile collection in the Manchester Museum's ancient Egyptian costume exhibition, opening today Photograph: David Rose

## Bankrupt Halle Orchestra may have to close unless rescuer is found

Manchester's world-renowned Halle Orchestra is just days away from collapse it was revealed yesterday. One of the country's most respected and revered cultural groups is effectively hankrupt.

Accountants will tell the Halle Concert Society board members tomorrow that, with cumulative debts of more than flm, it has reached the limits of its bank overdraft. Now the Halle, founded by

Charles Halle 140 years ago and brought to international fame by Freeman of Manchester, Sir John Barbirolli, is expected to report a trading loss this year. A damning investigation car-



The Halle Orchestra in rehearsals Photograph: News Team

be swiftly assembled. The cash

a financial rescue package can Hall and coocert attendances soariog by one-third. Sources crisis has climaxed despite the hlame the Halle's dire straits on ried out by accountants KPMG orchestra moving into the state- a lack of financial control and says the Halle is doomed unless of the art £42m Bridgewater suggested the board should go.

Extra help from the public sector funds - chiefly the Arts Council, Manchester City Council and other Greater Manchester authorities - is unlikely to be forthcoming before fundamental changes in management.

The only avenue open for the struggling musicians appears to be a loan from the Halle's endowment trust and, in the long term, a public appeal.

One insider criticised the Halle Concert Society's "archaic" structure.

The accountants KPMG are understood to have condemned the management's "general lack of control" and failure to develop a strategy on which to



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## Call to scrap unruly order

Government plans to deal with bad neighbours could hreach the European Convention on Human Rights, according to academic lawyers who say the "blunderbuss" scheme should be scrapped.

They say proposals for anti-social behaviour orders (ASBO's) under the Crime and Disorder Bill could be the most "insidious attack on civil liberties this century". The orders give powers for local authorities and the police to take out civil law orders against anti-social behaviour, whose breach could result in up to five years in jail.

Ministers want to clamp down on the behaviour of disruptive neighbours. But in an article for Criminal Justice, leading academics say the proposals pose a serious risk to human rights. - Michael Streeter

Legal Affairs Correspondent

#### **Police hunt** shuts M6

Armed police hunting a gunman in a stolen van who left a 70-mile trail of terror had to shut a motorway for two bours yesterday.

A 29-year-old man from Huddersfield, West Yorkshire was eventually arrested after giving himself up to officers on the M6 in Cumbria. He was being questioned at Kendal police station last night.

The van was driven north out of Manchester on the southbound carriageway of the M6 and hit two other vehicles. No ooe was hurt.

#### On a mission

Paddy Ashdown was the guest last night of a family living on a rundown estate in Newcastle upon Tyne who have survived on benefits.

The Liberal Democrat leader said his visit was a factfinding mission and he was expecting to meet local people and visit a social club. "I am hoping to find out how the people of the North-east are ing up to their problems. particularly unemployment which blights so many lives."

#### 'Church rape'

A Roman Catholic priest, accused of sexually abusing six children, raped one victim after hearing her confession, a court heard. Fr John Lloyd, 57, regularly assaulted the nine-year-old and did the same to altar boys, it was claimed.

The alleged offences date to the early 1970s, when he was an assistant near Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan.

Fr Lloyd denies four charges of rape and 17 of indecent assault involving four girls and two boys.

#### **Injury payout**

A woman who became "happy-go-lucky" after suffering mysterious brain damage, yes terday accepted £225,000 in settlement of her compensation claim against a hospital.

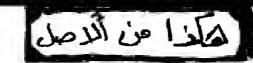
The High Court in London was told that Lynne Vasishta, 37, of Sutton, Surrey, experienced a personality change - including difficulties coping with money - after an operation under a general anaesthetic at Kingston Hospital 14 years ago. The hospital did not admit liability.

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For the record, they are baked salmon off the bone, new potatoes and salad followed by meringue and coffee. The meal, accompanied by a chilled French chardonnay, was served in the glass conservatory at the rear of Richard Branson's house and office at 11 Holland Park, west London.

Mr Branson, John Jackson - the man who was heading the Branson consortium bid to run the lottery - and Guy Snowden sat around half of a circular

. It was during the dessert, which Mr Snowden apparently found difficult to eat, that the head of US-based GTech, tried to bribe Mr Branson to drop his bid to run the lottery. "He was sweating, mopping his forehead. He shuffled towards me and then he came out with

## BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

those incredible words," recalled Mr Branson.

The so-called incredible words, which were at the centre of the three-week trial, were as follows: "I don't know how to phrase this, Richard, There's always a bottom line. I'll get to the point. In what way can we help you? I mean, what can I do for you personally?"

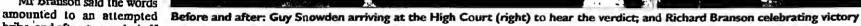
Mr Branson, flahbergasted by what he had heard, went to the lavatory. Mr Snowden left minutes later. The coffee wasn't

Mr Branson said the words hribe, and after two and a half hours' consideration, the jury agreed. While he admitted Mr Snowden did not specifically ask him to drop his hid, he said the inference of their conversation large. Under the National Lot- the seven years for which that autumn day was clear: Mr Branson's plan to launch a hid to run the lottery for no profit goes towards prizes, 28p to £350m-£400m profit. could only harm Glech. It would at least be enough to encourage the Government to Of this, Camelot makes lp trim the operator's profits, while

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tery Act of 1993, for every pound spent by the public 50p good causes, 12p on tax, 5p to the retailer and 5p to Camelot. profit. Last year Camelot - in

£70.8m and a net-profit of The stakes were certainly £46.8. It is estimated that over Camelot has the contract to run the lottery it could make £1.2m in 1993.

GTech not only profits from its stake in Camelot. It also supplies the lottery machinery to retailers, and initially it supplied at worst Mr Branson's bid might which Glech has a 22.5 per cent some equipment to ICL, an- Branson said. He was disap- Snowden's QC, Richard Fer- miliar and famous face - pitted ence of running lotteries. He ad-

even succeed in winning the Stake - made pre-tax profits of other member of the Consor- pointed that anyone would even dum. As chairman of GTech and one of its largest shareholders. Mr Snowden last year carned £3m, a figure which rose from

> No mention was ever made of the size of any hypothetical bribe but Mr Branson believed it would be tens of millions. The amount was irrelevant, Mr

consider trying to hribe him. Indeed Mr Branson's in-

tegrity was at the heart of his defence, as his counsel George Carman, cast him as the irreproachable British businessman and public figure known for his good works against the profit-orientated New York

portraying his man as a cigarsmoking, spat-wearing American with an office in Las Vegas.

But Mr Carman had tapped a profitable vein. This trial, especially in visual terms was as much a clash of cultures as a clash of individuals. The jury

Photographs; Brian Harris

guson, chastised Mr Carman for against the unknown corpulent American, looking uncomfortable in a tight suit, his large hands constantly fiddling with a ballpoint pen.

But while defeat for Mr Branson would have badly damaged his reputation, it has done the same for Mr Snowden, the saw a slim, tanned, casually son of a bulldozer driver with gamhler. During the trial, Mr dressed Richard Branson - a fa- more than 25 years' experi-

'He was sweating, mopping his brow, and then came out with with those incredible few words'

mitted during the trial that if the jury found against him, his position would be untenable.

Mr Snowden's case was certainly not helped by the revelation that in the US Glech had been the subject of six different investigations by the FBI. A BBC Panorama programme broadcast in December 1995 claimed that Clayton Jackson, a lobbyist working for the company, had made payments to Senator Alan Robins to ensure Glech won the contract for the California lottery. Rohins was later sent to prison. It also gave details of unusual payments relating to lotteries in other states including Kentucky and New Jersey.

It was on this programme that Mr Branson alleged that Mr Snowden had tried to bribe him. Mr Snowden declined to appear hut issued a statement saying the allegation was "grossly defamatory".

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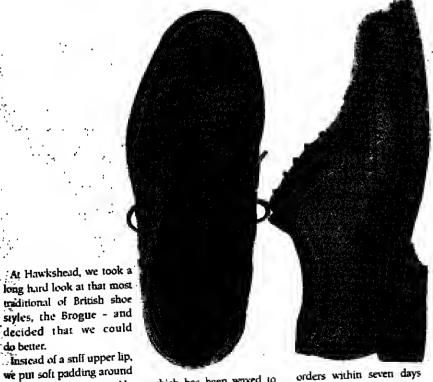
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After the programme, Glech again challenged Mr Branson, saying his allegations were defamatory. Mr Branson sued GTech, Mr Snowden and the company's PR director Robert Rendine on the basis that they were saying he was lying. They in turn sued him over the original allegations, but, perhaps pointedly, did not sue

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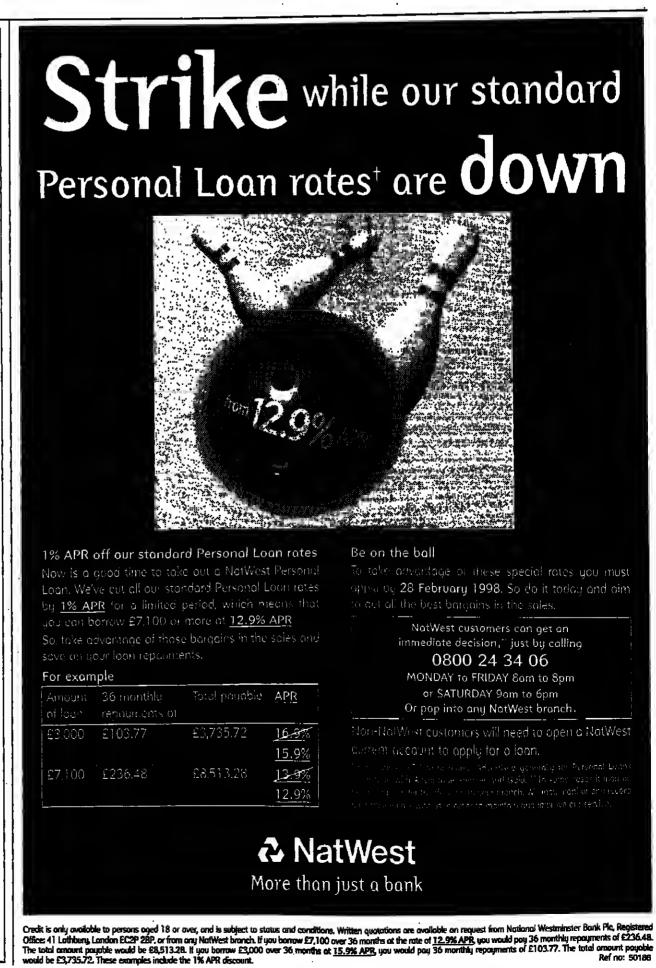
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## Files reveal Great War secrets of British literary heroes



Rudyard Kipling: Refused to believe his son had been killed

Files released by the

**Public Records Office** 

on the private lives of

three of the most

figures of this century. Kim Sengupto and John Crossland report. yesterday shed new light

Lawrence of Arabia invented renowned British literary tales of his valour and helped

**Authorities** believed Sassoon was a lunatic and TE Lawrence was a charlatan

son was killed in action; and the

authorities had a ready expla-

slaughter on the Western Front



Desert hero: TE Lawrence fought bravely for the Bedouin tribes against Ottoman rule (right) but lied about his Army record Photographs: Hulton Getty

- be was a lunatic, and not fit version of Sassoon's pacifist fight for liberty, he said, had be-to be trusted with men's lives. manifesto "Act of Wilful Deficome a war of aggression." I can plexed as to how a decorated ofto create his own myth; Rudyard Kipling refused to believe his to be trusted with men's lives. World War released by the nation for Sigfried Sassoon's impassioned protests about the Public Record Office yesterday.

These accounts were among ance of Military Authority", in 216,795 files from the First which he declared he could no longer see any justification for the slaughter in the trenches. The papers contain the first What was once described as a him before a firing squad. In-

come a war of aggression. "I can no longer be a party to prolong these sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust".

The treatise could have put

plexed as to how a decorated officer from the right background could be so disloyal, summoned him to a medical board and sent him to the Craig Lockhart Hospital for the treatment of psychiatric disorders in Scotland. the place where much of Pat Barker's novel Regeneration is set. After assessment a letter in his file stated: "Lieutenant Sassoon was undoubtedly the au- should be made to the Deraa re-

was a lunatic". The manifesto was found a train between Birmingham War, in January 1918. It is beseveral months earlier on the been stripped off him. way to his medical board.

thor, but when he wrote it he

Grave doubts about Sasamong the military hierachy. Brigadier George Cockerill, deputy director of military intelligence and one of the founders of MI5, wrote to The Nation magazine, which had printed a poem by Sassoon: "If Lt Sassoon is now writing such verse \_ it would appear his mind is still in chaos and he is not fit to be trusted with men's lives".

Lawrence of Arabia, according to the papers, credited himself with military service which was almost certainly fictitous. He had told his official biographer, David Garnett, that people and heard from many he had run away from home to others and can find none who serve with the Royal Artillery in saw him killed. And his wound, 1906 or 1907 before he started being a leg wound, would be at Oxford University. In 1938, three years after

Lawrence's death in a motorbike accident, an inquiry by the military historian Basil Liddell Hart led to a check by the War Office, and the discovery there was no sign of such service.

Accusations of embellishment also came in the Lawrence file over the nomination for a Victoria Cross and

a secret reconnaissance mission he was supposed to have made to Deraa in Syria, the place a year later, he was allegedly flogged and raped by a Turkish officer. Commenting on the declaration of his reconnaissance mission, a memo says: "Do you consider he is deserving of the latter bonour (the VC]? I do not think so." The file later noted that no reference

connaissance. The records also shows the War Office grudgingly allowed stuffed into a luggage rack on Lawrence to carry the rank of Lt Colonel when he re-enlisted and Preston, and handed to as an ordinary aircraftman, Lord Derby, the Minister for contrary to military regulation, because it feared adverse publieved Sassoon dumped it there licity if it appeared his rank had

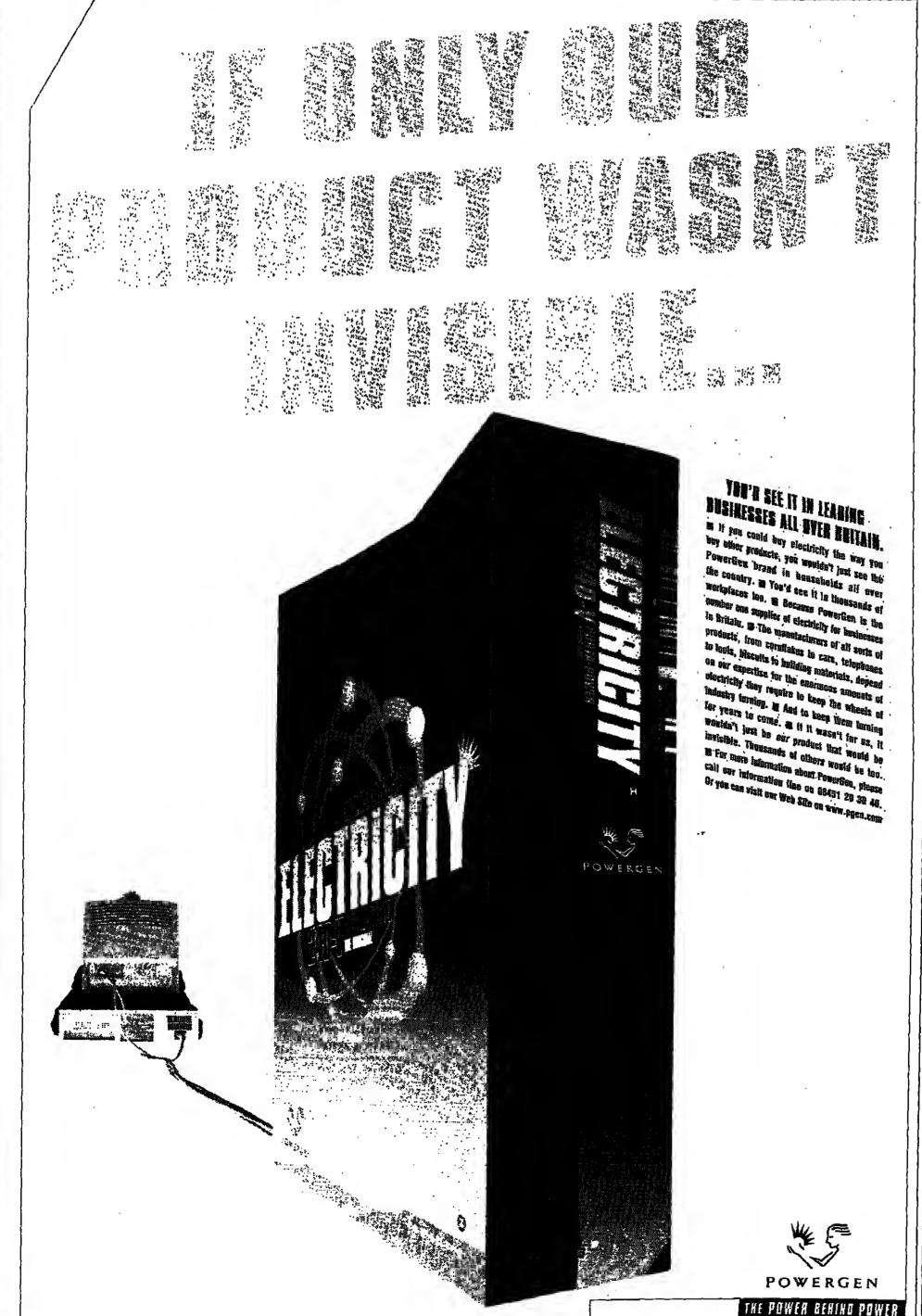
Rudyard Kipling refused to believe that his son had died in soon's mental state continued the Battle of Loos in 1915. According to Army records, John Kipling was killed in action at the battle on 27 September 1915.

His father did not accept the official version for four years, and started an investigation of his own. In September 1916 he wrote to the War Office that his research indicated his son had been left behind at a building on the hattlefield.

The letter said: "All the information I have had is that he was wonded and and left behind at Puits 14, at the battle of Loos. I have interviewed a great many more disabling than fatal". The War Office responded

that in view of Kipling's feelings on the matter it would not officially accept his son's death. Kipling continued his search after the war until finally accepting his loss in 1919. Writing through his solicitors, he said: "The search in Germany ... has not revealed any trace of him".

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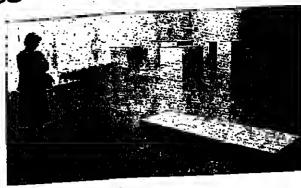
## Now the Tate Gallery unveils an even bigger pile of bricks

The Tate Gallery in London vesterday revived memories of a quarter of a century ago by unveiling its latest work - a four-metre high brick wall.

The 30-metre long structure, made up of four separate sections through which visitors are encouraged to wander, was commissioned by the gallery.

In 1972, critics were outraged wheo the Tate bought Equivalent VIII - popularly known as "the pile of bricks" - by Carl Andre, although that sculpture was much smaller in scale and lay oo the floor.

The Danish artist behind the latest work, Per Kirkeby, 59, who has created more than 100 brick structures around Eusculpture and said the choice number of his paintings and the donated by manufacturers Ibof materials did not mean it was not artistic. "People say hricks from between the bricks to get



But then paintings are just made of paint," he said. "Materials are just materials, but you can use them in a way that what comes out of it is art."

The latest work is a series of four walls which run down the centre of one gallery. On the walls of the gallery are a idea is for the viewer to emerge are not art, bricks are bricks. a different perspective of the

paintings, rather than stand directly in froot of them Exhibition curator Sean Rainbird said: "Essentially what it does is make you look at the paintings in a certain way."

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The work took a team of up to eight bricklayers two weeks to complete, using 20,000 bricks tures a collection of the artist's

## New scan will spare women from cancer surgery

Women with breast cancer could be spared unnecessary surgery as a result of the

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development of a new technique for detecting how far the disease has spread. Jeremy Laurance, Health Editor, reports.

A new scanning technique invented by scientists from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund can show whether cancer in the breast has spread to the lymph nodes under the arm.

The technique will allow surgeons to tell women in ad- searchers say that as breast vance how extensive surgery to remove the cancer will have to be. Currently, the only way to detect the spread is to surgically remove the lymph nodes and examine them in the laboratory. That means that women with oo cancer in their lymph nodes have unnecessary treatment.

A pilot study conducted on 29 womeo at St Bartholomew's hospital, London, showed the technique was 90 per cent correct in predicting cancer spread. Rob Carpenter, consultant surgeoo at St Bartholomew's extremely encouraged by the results. They mean that in future we will be able to let patieots know what to expect from their breast cancer operation and help them deal with it more effectively."

The technique involves injecting radioactive markers designed to home in on, and and Macmillan Cancer Relief in stick to, cancer cells. Pictures of association with General Accithe lymph oodes are taken twice over 24 hours using a gam-expected to raise £200,000.

ma camera and the two images are compared by a computer which indicates the probability of cancer being present.

There are 35,000 new cases of breast cancer each year and almost all affected women have surgery to remove the lump. The more advanced the cancer the greater the likelihood of spread to the lymph nodes, In the most extreme cases this results in a radical mastectomy in which the breast and all the ooderlying tissue including the lymph oodes is removed.

The oeed for radical surgery has declined as improved detection and screening has led to earlier diagnosis. The recancers are detected earlier the oeed for a scanning technique to determine whether the disease has spread to the lymph oodes will grow because in an increasing oumber of cases the nodes will be unaffected.

The research team, led by Professor Keith Britton, head of the 1CRF Nuclear Medicine Unit, is now looking at the possibility of injecting a tiny amount of the radioactive marker by the tumour and using a probe to check the lymph nodes.

Professor Britton said: "If breast unit, said: "We are the node is positive it can be removed and examined in the laboratory to double check if cancer is present. That way we can tell womeo in advance just how extensive their breast cancer operation is going to be."

Results of the pilot study were announced at the launch of a fundraising drive by ICRF dent, the insurance company,

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## Consultant misread 100 smear tests

A consultant pathologist has beeo removed from cervical screening after misreading the all 317 smears he had reported slides of 180 women. More as normal over the past five than 100 womeo with abnormal cervical smears have been recalled by the hospital in Lincoln after the consultant wrongly reported them as normal.

The errors, disclosed yesterday, will fuel concern about the certical screening programme after it emerged on Friday that eight women died after their smears were misread in the Kent and Canterbury hospital scandal.

However, experts said the latest problem, at Lincoln County Hospital, demonstrated how new quality checks on screening. "There is oo sugthe service were working.

The women's smears had already been through an initial screen which had ideotified have any deficiencies," she said, them as suspect and they had adding that the review had been referred to the consultant been triggered by new quality for an expert opinion. After fig. standards. ures showed the consultant was reporting fewer women with

moderate to severe abnormalities than expected a review of years was carried out. That revealed 180 had been misread.

The hospital anonunced yesterday that three women had already received further treatment and a further 34 have been invited for a repeat smear. The remaining 112 have been invited for colposcopy direct examination of the cervix using a special microscope.

Sarah Skeltoo, director of nursing at the hospital, said the consultant was on sick leave for an unrelated reason and would not be returning to cervical gestion or evidence that our primary screening processes which cover the vast majority of slides

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## Landowners threaten legal action if ramblers are granted the right to roam

Scenting blood in their campaign to kill off without granting rights, is intended to put abandoning a manifesto commitment. any right to roam, landowners yesterday un-further pressure on Tony Blair. veiled new ideas for improving access to the countryside on their own terms while hioting at court action if the Government legislates.

The package from the Country Landowners' Association, including a reglandowners "permit" the public to walk layed publication, provoking fears he was more responsive way to deliver that man-

ernment is expected to publish its consultation paper on granting greater public access to open country. Michael Meacher, the environment minister, submitted the paper to No 10 in the autumn. But Mr Blair, lobbied

Ramblers suspect members of the Roy-Within the next three weeks, the Gov- al Family, among the country's largest landowners, may have may made known

their opposition to a right to roam. Ian MacNicol, president of the CLA, said yesterday that managed voluntary ac- and Wales was enacted. cess remained the best way forward. "It is ister of the thousands of acres where hard by well-connected landowners, has de- a more cost-effective, more practical and

ifesto commitment." According to a study carried out for the CLA at Manchester University, landowners would be able to claim £50m a year in compensation if the original proposal for a right to roam over mountain, moor and common land in England

Mr Meacher has rejected large payouts. right to roam was granted without com- to falling short of existing legal requirements

pensation the issue might be taken to the and possible improvements. European Court of Human Rights. "Intuitively, we feel the costs will be less for voluntary access," he said.

As well as county access registers, giving information on permitted access rarely shown on Ordnance Survey maps, the CLA is also pioneering "access audits" of farms but Mr MacNicol said yesterday that if a and estates to identify where owners might

The Ramblers' Association said that while the CLA indulged in "PR fantasies", public rights of way were routinely and illegally blocked. Among examples cited, were paths on land owned by the Duke of Buccleugh in Northamptonshire and Duke of Westminster in Cheshire - two of the country's wealthiest aristocrats.

- Stephen Goodwin, Heritage Correspondent

## The Queen prepared to go public with the Royal accounts

The Queen is prepared to make a significant break with the past, and give Parliament direct access to accounts of the Royal Household, 'The Independent' can reveal. Kim Sengupto reports on a new effort at public accountability at the Palace.

The Oucen has nothing to hide about her finances; indeed the way the Royal household carried out savings could be a lesson for many a public body, according to her senior advisers. And, to prove its point, the Palace has privately told the Government it would welcome direct scrutiny of its accounts by the Commons Public Accounts Committee.

The issue has long been a source of acrimony. In a recent report, the PAC claimed the Royal household was inefficient and secretive, and MPs blamed the Queen for being reluctant to offer access to the books - charges denied by the

Successive governments have resisted demands by MPs constitutional position". However, MPs have become increasingly vociferous in their demand to see how £20m of taxpayers' money is being

David Davis, the new PAC chairman, says the auditor general should have immediate access to all Royal household accounts, including the Civil List and the transport accounts. The former Tory Foreign Office minister's initiative has come as a surprise to the Labour memhers of the committee, who have been campaigning unsuccessfully under previous chairmen for full access.

At present, the Queen submits information on the Royal finances to ministers whose departments would then decide what the auditors look at. There is also an annual report to MPs on the cost of official trips by the Royal Family,

Both Whitehall and Royal sources say it is the government departments who are uneasy about direct access rather than the Royal Family.

One Palace source said: "The Royal Family want to have transparency over their finances, and we think that is what the public want as well. The Queen would have no obto have direct access to the ac- jection to direct scrutiny by the has also brought in a perforcounts on the grounds that "it PAC or the Auditor General. would he incompatible with. The last thing we want is an im- for some employees of the the Royal household's unique pression that there is something Royal Family.

to hide. We already have an independent external audit, and we are pleased with the savings we have carried out since we assumed the responsibility for the maintenance of the occupied Royal palaces in 1991."

Along with offering greater openness, the Palace is also ready to he combative over what it perceives as unfair accusations. The critical PAC report is seen as negative and out of date. The Committee criticised low rents charged for Royal apartments. But Royal sources point out that since August 1994, all staff and pensioners using the apartments have had a rent rise of 16.5 per

The grant-m-aid expenditure by the Royal Household has fallen from £20,541,000 to £20,440,000 from 1995 to 1996, and is intended to be reduced to £15m in two years' time.

As part of a cost efficiency campaign, energy conservation measures have, says the Palace, resulted in savings of 9 per cent on electricity, 32 per cent on gas, and 61 per cent on water.

Much of this is said to be through the efforts of Michael Peat, formerly a partner in the accountancy firm KPMG, the Keeper of the Privy Purse, who mance related pay structure



Apple appealing: Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport, and Annabel Croft, the television presenter and former tennis player, in a peeling race to launch the sixth annual Bramley apple week at the Houses of Parliament yesterday, in aid of the homeless charity Crisis

## Dobson cleared of appointing 'yes men'

Frank Dobson has been cleared of appointing Labour "yes men" to the new NHS trust boards. Colin Brown reports.

Allies of the Secretary of State health authorities and hospital leged scandal over the appointment of NHS hospital chiefs, following claims that he authorities. sacked local Tories to make way for Labour placemen.

Commissioner for Public Ap- Practice ... On the evidence four members of the Shadow pointments, found no evidence available to me, I believe that Cabinet responded. to support the main complaint the Secretary of State's public dling of the appointments by nications have followed this retary, Stephen Dorrell and John Maples, the Tory spokesman on health.

The commissioner said in a letter to Mr Maples that Mr

for Health said last night that trusts were more representative he had been cleared of an al- of the local communities in which they served by appointing more councillors from local

ever, he is testing testing the quality of the appointments with a rolling programme of au-Dobson told Sir Leonard about dits on the way they were han-

Dobson of carrying out a purge of Tory supporters from the Peach. It takes sheer brass neck them with Labour stooges. But the minister's friends said he "My response was that he had sent a letter to all Tory MPs was free to do so, subject to asking them to submit names, Sir Leonard Peach, the complying with my Code of and only a third replied. Only

Those who did not reply inline," said Sir Leonard. How- Mr Maples. Mr Maples claimed Sir Len's letter showed that the ing for a boost in his budget and appointments were being investigated, but Mr Dobson said: to the NHS spending this year "It is absolutely astonishing after the Chancellor's comprehis wish to ensure the boards of died in the eight NHS regions. that John Maples should repeat bensive review of spending.

The Tories accused Mr the allegations which he knows to be untrue from Sir Len NHS boards, and replacing to cite Sir Len as corroboration for the discredited smears they they are putting round."

Meanwhile, Mr Dobson has been promised by Tony Blair a real-terms increase in spending on the NHS to match the Government's celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the health service

The Health Secretary has won the Prime Minister's backan extra £2bn could be added

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## Pigeon lads reprieved by mystery benefactor

Ryhope Colliery closed in the 1960s, but the "pigeon lads" who grow vegetables and keep birds on the allotments in this historical part of Sunderland still remember how to dig themselves in.

But for a last-minute reprieve, the 20 ex-miners, some of them now in their 80s, would have faced the bailiffs this weekend rather than give up their plots to developers.

"Swampy wouldn't have had a look-in with these blokes," said Fraser Kemp, the local MP who has been supporting their campaign. "They've spent their whole lives digging holes in the ground.

Although the men were offered alternative sites after the North Eastern Cooperative Society sold the allotments in 1996, they were determined to stay on the plots which have been in some of their families since the turn of the century.

Last Monday, five days before the 31 January eviction date fell due, word arrived that an anonymous benefactor had bought the land for the men. The donor is a local businessman, but they do not know his name.

John Reid, secretary of the Ryhope Allotment Holders, said he had no idea that help was at hand until a letter

from the developer arrived. "I don't care who it is as long as everything's right. We were talking about picket lines and about stopping there in case they came at night. Thankfully it hasn't come to that," he said.



Reprieve: Maurice Surtees, a pigeon fancier, and his birds at his loft in Ryhope, Sunderland

## Allotment holders dig in to protect their land

A Parliamentary committee will investigate the plight of allotment gardeners this month as their plots are eaten up in the rush to build new housing. Enthusiasts hope MPs can persuade ministers to act but, writes Fran Abrams. there has been little sign that this will happen.

Almost 50 of England's 7,800 allotment sites have been sold off to developers with ministers' hlessing since last May, - Fran Abrams it emerged last week. In some areas al-

lotment holders are "digging in" to protect their land as the bullduzers prepare 10 move in. Although the 1925 Allutments Act

protects the plots, set up so that working people could grow their own food, in reality it has done little for them. All plans to sell off "statutory" al-

lotments must be approved by ministers. But Angela Eagle, the environment minister, revealed in a Parliamentary written answer that she had approved the sale of 47 sites since last May and had refused none.

In fact, under both Labour and the Tories it has been almost unheard of for ministers to turn down allotment sales. Geoff Stokes, secretary of the National

Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, said he could only remember two occasions un which a request had been refused, nut of hundreds over the past decade.

He said that although interest had declined over the years, food scares had led to new interest among young people. But councils looking for sites for an estimated 4.4 million homes needed between 1990 and 2015 are cyeing the prime land, often on the outskirts of existing housing. The society will present evidence to the Commons Environment Committee this month.

"Because of its location this land is actually needed not just for allotment purposes but for its ecological value to

the community," Mr Stokes said. Although gardeners are offered alternatives when the developers move in, many of them are pensioners and do not want to move.

The society has presented the Parliamentary inquiry with a survey of allotments just completed for it by Professor David Crouch of Anglia Polytechnic University. It shows that since 1970 the number of individual plots has dwindled from 530,000 to less than 300,000. The loss of "nonstatutory" plots which are either temporary or privately owned has been even sharper. In 1970 just half the total number were statutory, compared with three-quarters today.

## **Tories devise** strategy to save the green belt

The Tory party has come up with a new idea for boosting house building in urban areas as it launches a campaign to save England's green belts from urban sprawl, says Nicholas Schoon, Environment Correspondent.

The Conservative environment spokesman Tim Yeo MP said yesterday that house-building firms should be able to earn themselves credits for siting new homes within towns and cities, through conversions and by reclaiming derelict "brownfield" sites.

Only those companies which had built up credits would be granted planning permission to build homes on the restricted number of greenfield sites which councils did make available for development. The party believes such a system would make firms invest more effort in searching out opportunities for urban development.

"We think this is a better idea than the tax on greenfield development which the Labour Government says it is considering," said Mr Yeo. "Such a tax would just legitimise building in

the green belts." Yesterday, William Hague, the Conservative leader, visited the site of the proposed green-belt development west of Stevenage, in Hertfordshire, where up to 1,000 homes could

be built after the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, decided not to intervene in the county council's structure plan.

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Sir Norman Fowler, Conservative spokesman on the Environment, Transport and Regions, went to another greenbelt site near Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, where Mr Prescott has intervened to allow industrial development. Mr Yeo, meanwhile, visited a site near Horsham, which could have homes built on it. West Sussex, County Council is taking Mr Prescott to the High Court for a judicial review hearing after his department inter-vened to add 12,800 homes to its structure plan.

The Tories see the threat to the countryside as one of their biggest opportunities for rebuilding support in the wake of the election defeat.

The party's other policy for boosting house building in urban areas is to alter the statutory planning guidance handed down from government to councils. The guidance the Tories advocate for housing would set the same kind of "sequential test" which proposals for out-of-town shopping and leisure centres have to undergo. In essence, developers have to prove they have searched exhaustively for a suitable site in the urban area before permission can be granted.

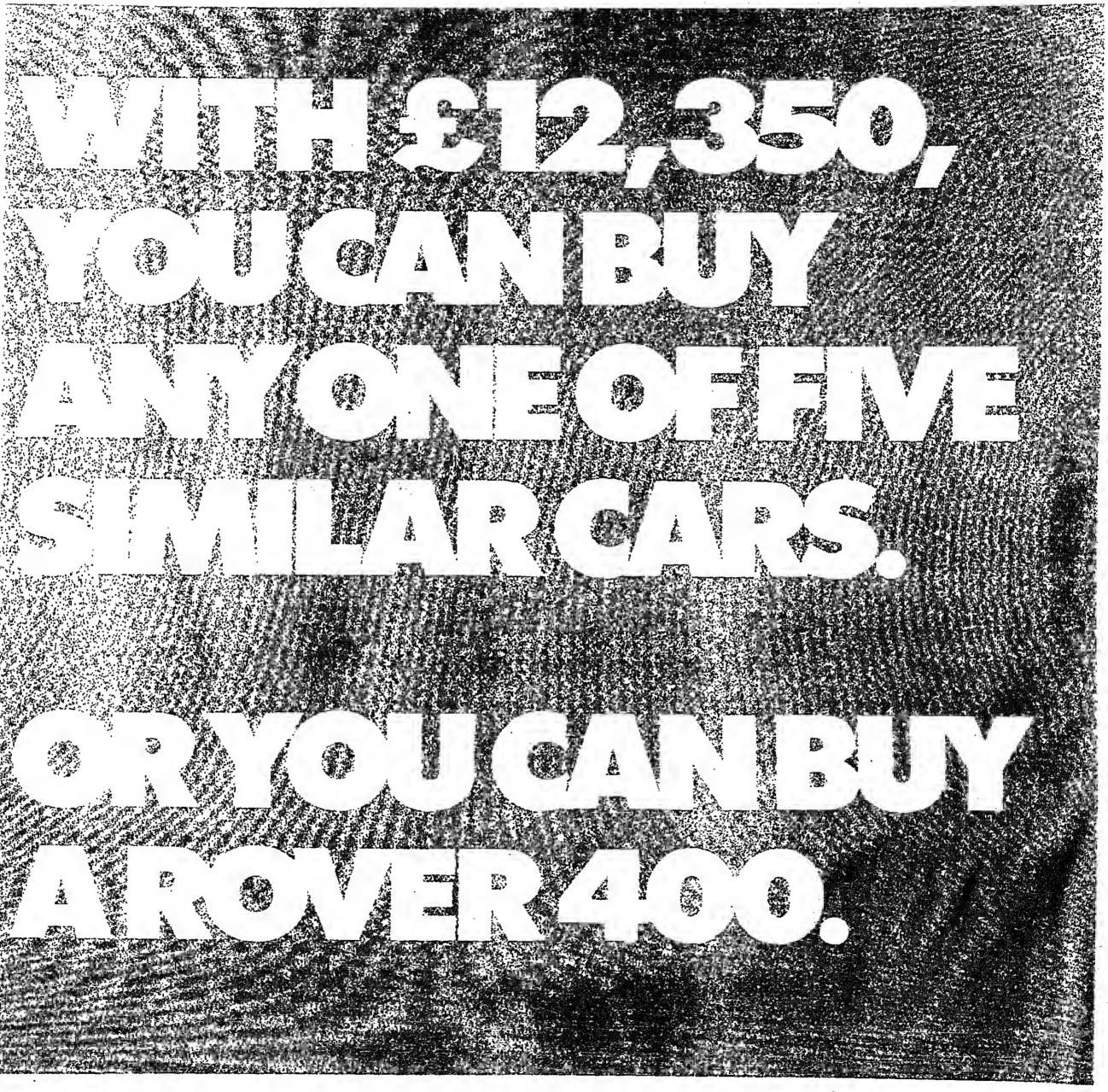
Mr Hague said he advocated two-thirds of all new housing development taking place in towns and cities. "Not only will this protect the countryside, but it will also breathe new life into our towns and cities."



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An automatic one-year ban for motorists drinking just one pint looks set to be introduced by the Government Jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent, examines new proposals to reduce road deaths.

Newly qualified motorists and teenage drivers could bave a special "alcohol-free" or extra low limit for a probationary period, it emerged yesterday.

Police are also expected to be given new powers to act on public tip-offs and lay traps for motorists leaving pub car parks. The possible changes could

form part of a package of measures aimed at cutting the number of deaths and serious injuries caused by drunk drivers. While the Government in-

tends to consult on the changes during the next three months, it became clear yesterday that Gavin Strang, transport minister, favours lowering the current limit from 80mg of alcohol per document.

The Language Issue

I place my hope on the water

in a basket of intertwined

and bullrushes by the edge

in the lap, perhaps, of some Pharaoh's daughter.

us underside proofed with bitumen and pitch,

(translated from the Irish by Paul Muldoon)

of the language, the way a body might put

then set the whole thing down amidst

only to have it borne hither and thither, not knowing where it might end up:

Our Daily Poems today and tomorrow come from the latest batch of Poems on the Underground, which will appear in London Tube carriages from this week. The seventh edition of the Poems on the Underground anthology will soon be published in paperback by Cassell (£4.99). This poem first appeared in Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill's Phunuoh's Daughter (The Gallery Press).

By Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill

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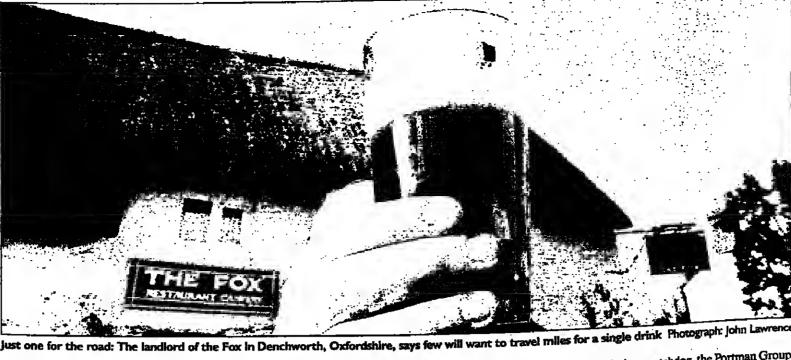
100ml of blood (about two pints of beer) to 50 mg - the equivalent of about one pint. one unit of spirits or two glasses of wine. Breaching the lower limit would also be punishable with a minimum 12 month ban. It is estimated that lowering the limit could save about 50 lives a year - about a tenth of the current drink-related death toll,

An alternative is to give drivers caught at the higher 80mg a longer ban, but this looks unlikely. Instead more motorists who repeatedly offend or who have been drinking excessively - about half the people convicted are over twice the limit - would have stiffer penalties with a maximum of six months

The consultative document. "Cumbating Drink Driving: Next Steps", says that if a motorist has drunk between 50mg and 80mg, which is currently legal, they are up to 2.5 times more likely to be involved in an

accident than if they were sober, There were about 3,600 road deaths in Britain compared to around 850 homicides, says the

DAILY POEM



and middle aged men continuing to drink and drive.

While the police and doctors

out with a hard core of young pubs are concerned that it could just one pint." destroy their businesses.

Neil Hammans, landlord of The Fox, a 16th century hostelare in favour of reducing the ry in the village of Denchworth. limit to match France, the Oxfordshire, said: "It's bound

cidents appears to have levelled and Finland, landlords in rural will not want to travel miles for country areas." Mr Strang

His view was supported by Mike Ripley, of the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association, who said: "Lowering the limit and a few soft drinks." would be a disaster for country

replied: "I do not think 50mg is a draconian measure which will shut down rural pubs. You can still have a couple of shandies

The drinks industry funded

The gradual drop in road ac- Netherlands, Belgium, Greece to hit country pubs as people pubs, shops and social life in watchdog the Portman Group, dents appears to have levelled and Finland localizations and social life in watchdog the Portman Group, fectiveness of a lower limit, saying. "The stubborn criminals who cause most of the drink-drive deaths are already well over the present limit. They will not be stopped by a lower limit."

#### Pressure on petrol duty

The Chancellor is committed to increasing duty on petrol in his Budget on 17 March by around 6 per cent in real terms, which could add around 27p to a gallon of unleaded petrol.

But Gordon Brown is being urged to take tougher measures to curb car use as part of a package of "green taxes". The Chancellor is under pressure from the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution to raise petrol duty by at least 9 per cent above inflation, adding 37p to a gallon of unleaded petrol.

The Commission's report last September called for a concerted campaign to change public attitudes to cars" and measures to donble the price of motor fuel in real terms by 2005.

The Chancellor is also expected to raise the road tax by £5 to £155.

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## The sister of mercy who sees hope in murderer's execution

Sister Helen Prejean has little hope that Karla Faye Tucker, the Texas death row inmate scheduled for execution today, will be spared. But, as she tells our correspondent, she hopes that her death will do some good by forcing Americans to think more deeply about the death penalty.

Sitting at her desk in her tiny New Orleans home, Sister Helen Prejean fingers a photograph that she fully expects to hring her deep sadness, and not a little anger, in the hours ahead. The picture is of her with the face of an attractive young woman resting on her shoulder smiling at the camera.

The other woman is Karla Faye Tucker, the murder convict who at 6pm, local time, is almost certain to be dispatched to her death by the state of Texas as punishment for a beinous double murder that she and a former boyfriend committed in Houston in 1983.

Tucker, 38, has never tried to deny the crime, which was committed with a hammer and a pickaxe. She has, however, been asking for elemency, a request that was yesterday unanimously rejected by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles - leaving her just one last chance, the appeal that she

has before the United States Supreme Court.

The two women met at Gatesville prison, which houses Texas's death row inmates, two months ago. Last week. while on a speaking visit to Alaska. Sister Helen sent what she knew would be her last words to her in a postcard, with husky dogs pulling a sled on the front.

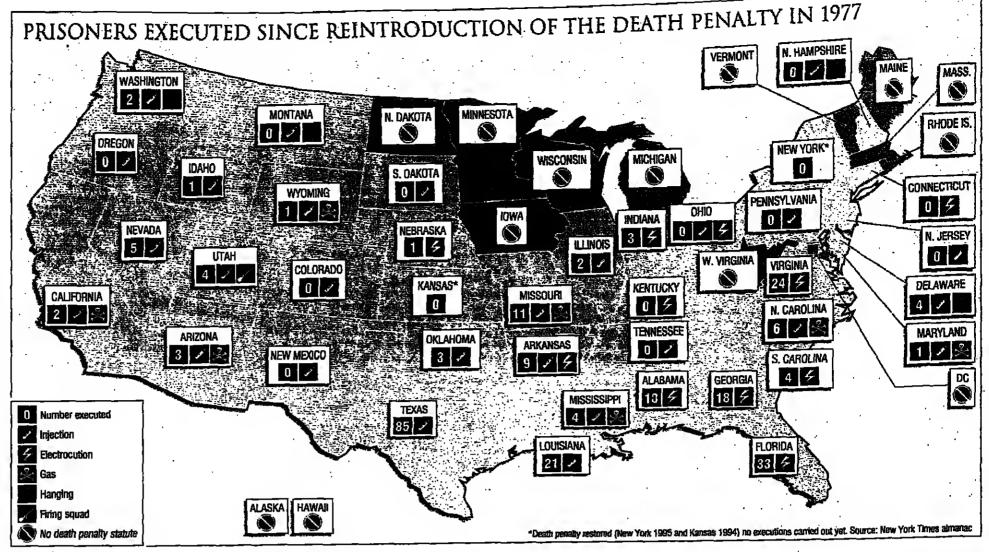
Sister Helen's message to Tucker was brief. "I just thanked her, thanked her for her life and thanked her for who

These were more than words of spiritual comfort; the gratitude was genuine. Sister Helen, who in 14 years has become the US's best-know voice against capital punishment, believes that the case of Karla Faye Tucker, more than any other since the US Supreme Court reinstituted the death chamber in 1976, will force people to think more seriously about state-sponsored killing.

Sister Helen has done more than anyone to get that process of reflection started. She is the nun who wrote the book Dead Man Walking, which three years ago was made into a hit film of the same name starring Susan Sarandon, as Sister Helen, and Sean Penn as a convict who is sent to the death chamber.

"What makes the death penalty possible is the non-identification of people; the abstraction, the removing of them. We don't see their faces. We dehumanise them like in any military operation".

But with Tucker, we know



it to countless interviewers, on way that we have never had be-CNN's Larry King and on the fore. Yes, she's guilty, hut 60 Minutes programme. It is the will we only define her, will story of a woman who admits we freeze-frame her, in this

to what she did but who has found God and now gives Christian counselling to

others. It has been a redemption that has convinced not just Sis-

ter Helen but even the conservative tele-evangelist, Pat Robertson, a supporter of the death penalty. "Karla has been in front of the whole nation," the Sister

explains, "and you're looking into the face of someone who is beautiful, reflective, ohviously loving and so she poses

her story, because she has told the moral question for us in a a person.'

> her life." Therein lies a truth the ahout death penalty that the sister hopes Americans will be-

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gin to ponder.

BY DAVID

"What they are saying is we don't care what you say, we're freeze-framing you in this act of murder. And then we freezeframe ourselves as a society. And that's really an act of despair," Sister Helen said.

"Karla Faye exemplifies this important thing; human beings are more than the worst

thing we do in our lives. She exemplifies that in such a dramatic way. It's the transcendence in

That Tucker would be sent to die by the Governor of Texas - and presidential aspirant -George Bush has never been in doubt in the sister's mind. Because to spare her would be to expose that absurdity at the heart of the death penalty process: that redemption simply does not matter.

"If they acknowledge guilty but redeemed' as a new category, well then, the whole thing would come apart, because the whole thing is predicated on this: that that act of your life is what we are going to punish you for, never mind what else has happened in your life".

But Sister Helen, who will meet the British Prime Minis-

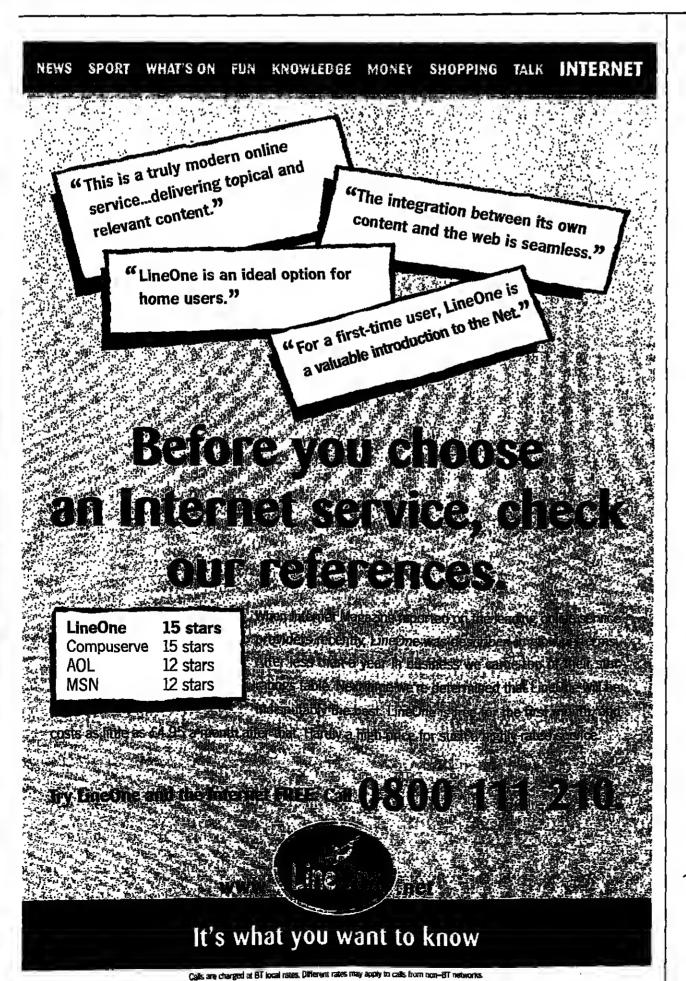
ter's wife. Cherie Blair, at a US Supreme Court ceremony in Washington this weekend, has confidence at least that Tucker is facing death at ease with

"She has a great freedom in her soul and if they kill her, she is going to be the freest one in that room. She trusts that God has forgiven her and will be waiting for. She will die a free woman, I have no doubt about that," she said.

Tucker, indeed, has told Sister Helen that she is not afraid to die, She is frightened about losing her dignity, though, because she has a hladder control problem that may defeat her towards the end this evening. "I guess she is not scared to die, but she doesn't want to wet her pants in the process," the sis-



Sister Helen Prejean: Feels gratitude towards Karla Tucker





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# French get peek at all the presidents' women

The French taboo on media coverage of the sex lives of politicians lay shattered into a hundred fascinating pieces yesterday. The magazine Marianne, irritated by the priggish French coverage of Bill Clinton's travails, tore open the lace curtains on 40 years of hidden affairs of state. John Lichfield reports.

If France were the United States, it would have lost its last three presidents - Mitterrand, Giscard and Pompidou - to sex scandals. Even the present incumbent, Jacques Chirac, would have had some Clinton-like explaining to do about his pre-presidential, private life.

According to the news magazine Marianne - a serious, but deliberately unconventional publication, not a scandal sheet, President Chirac's extra-marital conquests have included the Italian actress. Claudia Cardinale. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had an affair while president, with, among others. the actress Sylvia Kristel (who made her name in the erotic classic Emmanuelle). François Mitterrand's activities were too numerous to list in full but included an affair with the singer Dalida. Georges Pompidou had an illegitimate son.

The magazine says all these facts - and more - were common knowledge at the time but never written about openly in the French press. This was partly from fear of prosecution under French privacy laws (Marianne is deliberately courting this risk). But there is also a long-standing journalistic convention that it is "healthier" and more "adult" to ignore such things.

In France, much scorn has been poured on the American media for its pursuit of the last titillating detail of the Monica Lewinsky affair (although the French press has found it necessary to publish most of the details themselves).

Marianne says that, at heart, it agrees it is often healthier not to dwell on the private lives of public figures. It points out, however, that the traditional attitude of the French press frequently serves politicians Dumas - actually his mistress - has been better than the public. On several occasions. political-sexual affairs have become entangled with political or financial scandals which have been ignored because of the press has allowed politicians to parade their taboo on the exploration of private lives.

A classic example, the magazine says, is the career of the former foreign minister, Roland Dumas, whose role in kickbacks on state contracts is being investigated by two judges. As part of the investigation. Pétain was taken into the French govern-Christine Deviers-Joncour, usually dement in 1939 because the mistress of the scribed in the press as an associate of Mr prime minister, Paul Reynaud, insisted that





Affairs of state: Jacques Chirac (above) had an affair with Claudia Cardinale (right), while Sylvia Kristel (left) was among Valery Giscard D'Estaing's conquests



he should be, Equally, says Marianne, there

are many events in contemporary public

life which can only be explained by open-

vey of the liaisons not-previously dan-

gereuses which have enlivened the secret

history of the Fifth Republic since 1958.

President Charles de Gaulle was irre-

proachable (though possibly not during the

war). At the instigation of his wife, anyone

known to be an adulterer was excluded from

his governments. (De Gaulle, personally,

The magazine gives a brief six-page sur-

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took a more relaxed view. Meeting an amhassador recalled from Moscow after an affair with a KGB stooge, the general simply said: "So, you've been in bed,") Pompidou's activities were legendary but

limited by ill-health while in the Elysée Palace. Giscard d'Estaing was rumoured to have many mistresses but this was prohably exaggerated, Marianne says. He did, however, have a taste for young actresses who were approached by one of his officials and entenained at a country inn called Le Petit Coq aux Champ (the little ing an affair with a Soviet air bostess.

cock in the fields). Mitterrand's long-standing affairs, and his illegitimate daughter, Maserine, WERE revealed toward the end of his life (10 general indignation and fascination). But Marianne says that this was only a taste of the general atmosphere of "liberated morals", often linked with financial chicanery, which surrounded the Elysée under Mitterrand. Relative prohity has been restored under Mr Chirac, but the magazine says that earlier in his career he was bugged by French security services dur-

## Lewinsky heads for sanctuary

Monica Lewinsky, the 24-year-old alleged to have had a sexual relationship with President Bill Clinton, was preparing to leave Washington for her home in California yesterday, in an attempt to regain some privacy. She had been a virtual prisoner in her mother's city flat at the Watergate since claims about her and the President first hrnke almost two weeks ago.

After more than a week of turmoil Mr Clinton's political position also looked much stronger. Riding high in the opinion polls, his approval rating for his performance as president reached a record 70 per cent over the weekend, a figure that exceeded even Ronald Reagan's best rating. This was despite the fact that more than 60 per cent of those asked also believed that Mr Clinton had probably lied about his relationship with Ms Lewinsky.

The capacity of Americans to praise Mr Clinton as president on the one hand, while also believing that he has been less than truthful, betrayed an unexpected willingness on their part to forgive personal flaws in return for administrative competence and was ascribed in part at least to the flourishing economy. But it also underlined the fact that Americans by and large like Mr Clinton.

While commentators yesterday tended to agree that the crisis for Mr Clinton had passed, they also stressed the fragility that could accompany the remaining three years of his presidency. He has still given no explanation of his relationship with Ms Lewinsky.

Hillary Clinton said in interviews last week that details of the relationship would be revealed in time. As long as the polls remain favourable, however, there will be minimal pressure on Mr Clinton to say any more. More risky for him is the continuing silence oot just of Ms Lewinsky, but of the dozen or so women he was questioned about in the sworn evidence he gave to lawyers in the Paula Jones case. If any of them were to produce evidence that a sexual relationship existed, he will find himself on the wrong side of the perjury law. And if Ms Lewinsky changes her story to admit a sexual liaison, and has proof, Mr Clinton's televised denial will be used against him: not only in the court of law, but in the court of public opinion that has so far saved him. — Mary Dejevsky, Washington

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## **US** holds key to easing of Iraq oil bar

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, has a plan to relax sanctions against Iraq. Baghdad would be allowed to increase the value of its oil exports to \$5.2bn over six months. But, Patrick Cockburn explains. the proposal is not quite what it seems.

It is more than just an increase in oil exports for humanitarian purposes. What Mr Annan is proposing - doubling Iraqi oil revenues from \$2bn to \$5.2bn

ation in sauctions since they were introduced eight years ago after Iraq invaded Kuwait. At the time, Iraq was ex-

porting 3 million barrels a day. Under Mr Annan's plan, exports would have to rise to 2 million barrels a day to produce \$5.2bn. "It is tantamount to a partial lifting of sanc-tions," said Mehdi Varzi, director of oil and gas research at Dresdner, Kleinwort Benson in London. He doubted the UN Security Council would implement Mr Annan's plan in full.

But in Lisbon yesterday Bill Richardson, US ambassador to the UN, said: "The US will support the increase." Britain also said it welcomed the re-



port, pointing that it had helped initiate the oil-for-food programme for Iraq three years ago. In theory Iraq will therefore return to two-thirds of its export level before it invaded Kuwait, a prospect which led to a sharp slide in oil prices yes-

terday. A problem is that for the

Iraqi oil industry can produce and export the amount of oil necessary to produce reveoues of \$5.2bn. It was badly damaged by bombing in the Gulf War. In northern iraq a pumping station on the 600-mile pipeline linking Kirkuk to Dortyol, oo

moment there is no way the Turkey's Mediterranean coast, was almost destroyed. Iraq built a bypass but export capacity was reduced by a third. A second pumping station on the main north-south pipeline was also damaged.

The US has so far prevented Iraq, through the UN sanc-

tions committee, importing equipment for its oil industry to raise production. It has argued that this might benefit the Iraqi military machine. Iraq uses 600,000 barrels a day of crude oil at home, including oil ex-

ports to Jordan and diesel

cannot divert. This means that without US agreement to allow it to repair its oil industry, it will be unable to benefit fully from Mr Annan's plan.

The UN Security Council is expected to rule on the expanded oil-for-food plan in two weeks and it could be im-

If Britain is plunged into

Gulf War II, its forces

will be directed from a

300ft-deep bunker in

London's suburbia.

Ian Burrell went below

preparations.

war footing.

ground to observe the

Beneath a 20ft screen showing pictures from CNN, military

chiefs scuttled between computer terminals swapping details

of latest developments in the

Gulf. As each day passes with-

out a diplomatic solution to the Iraq crisis, so the likelihood in-

creases that the bunker near

Pinner, in the suburbs of northwest London, will switch to a

Yesterday, as a British naval

task group continued to exer-

cise in Gulf waters, military

chiefs who run the bunker, of-

ficially known as Permanent wood, admitted Britain's part in

any conflict would be margin-

al. An Army source said: "The

Americans' combined power really is ... formidable; it's real-

ly quite impressive. Our ability

to contribute to that force is rel-

He conceded the US forces

did not need British support.

The [Americans] have the

power and capability to do

whatever they have in mind on

their own. [Britain's] military

contribution is second to the po-

litical contribution we are mak-

the British force already in the

Gulf has not been inoculated

against chemical and biological

weapons, despite American

and British concern that Iraq possesses such weapons. The

vaccines given British and US

forces in the 1991 war have been

linked with debilitating illness-

es suffered by many veterans of

the Gulf in Operation Bolton

is based around the carrier

HMS Invincible, which has 21

aircraft aboard. A second car-

rier, HMS Illustrious, is under-

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Gibraltar before heading for the

Gulf to support or replace In-

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**Bunker mentality** 

as UK prepares

for Gulf War II

Life goes on: Central Baghdad last week shortly before the end of the Ramadan month of fasting

Photograph: Reuter

plemented next month if Iraq agrees to it. But this may be delayed by bombing threatened by the US and Britain.

At the weekend Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State, said airstrikes were weeks rather than months away. Iraq has always said it wants sanctions totally lifted. The Security Council insists they stay until Iraq complies with UN resolutions about the inspectioo and destruction of its biological, chemical and ouclear materials and the missiles to deliver them. In practice, if Iraq is allowed to repair its oil industry. Mr Annan's plan would make a large hole in the economic siege of Baghdad.

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Chief of Defence Staff, General

Sir Charles Guthrie, sent a di-

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by the Chief of Joint Operations, General Christopher

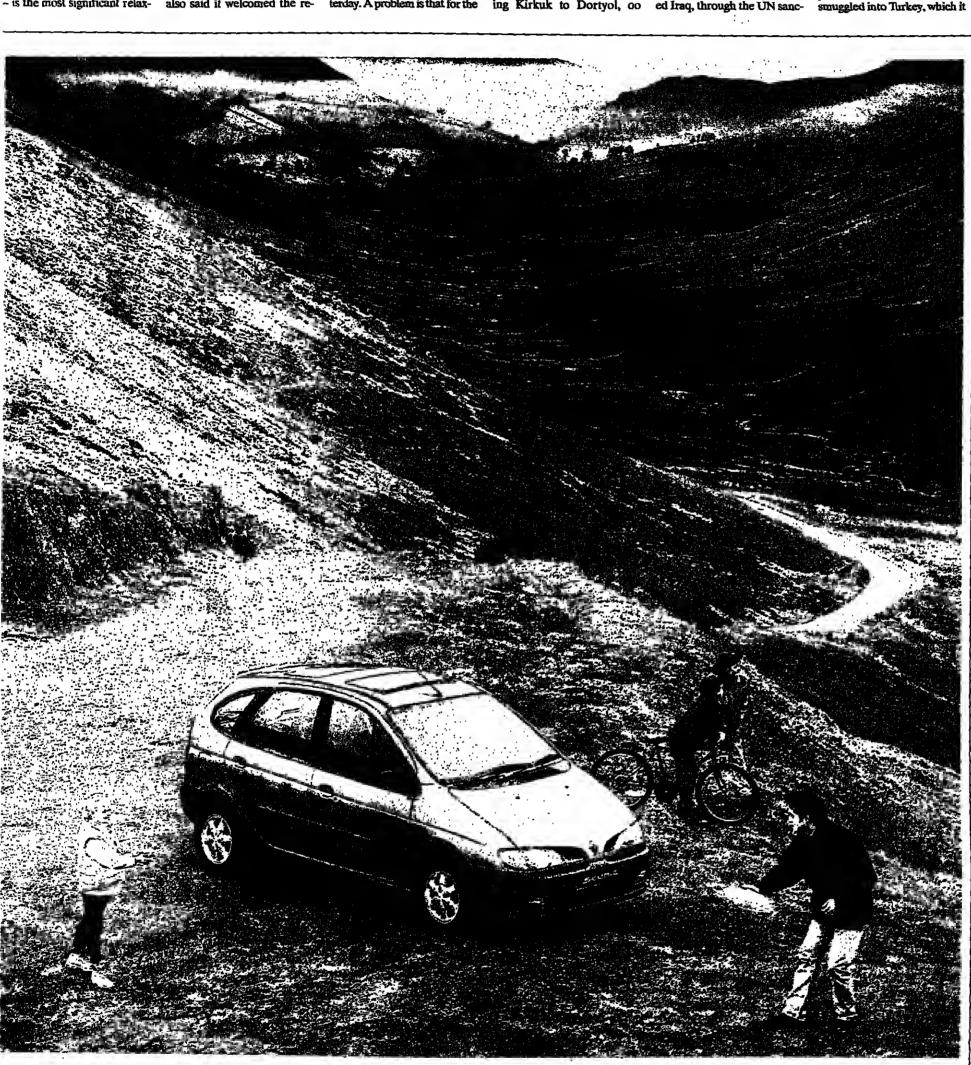
Wallace. The directive laid

down what Britain hoped to

achieve by Operation Bolton. An Army source said: "The aim is to get the UNSCOM in-

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its armoury."



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that it has no nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction in The directive also gave Gen Wallace notice of the agreed rules of eogagement, should a conflict develop, and the forces and budget at his disposal. The operation has so far cost £10m but the expense could escalate if Britain uses its Joint Rapid Deployment Force, which is on 48 bours' notice to leave for the Gulf. The force is Commando brigades and has

air and naval support. While emphasising that they preferred a diplomatic solution to the crisis, military chiefs have ideotified three areas where British forces could make a significant contribution.

They involve taking photographs from the air for use in bombing missions, taking part in armoured reconnaissance operations oo the ground, and deploying mines at sea.

Geo Wallace would oversee any conflict from a gallery which overlooks the Operations Room at the pit of the Northwood bunker, which became operational in 1996 after Nato staff abandoned it at the

end of the Cold War. From his seat at the head of conference table can see a bank of television screens which connect him via video conferencing links to other bunkers that will come into action if a conflict develops. One is beneath the Ministry of Defence io Whitehall, another is at Strike Command in High Wycombe and, most importantly of all, he can have faceto-face contact with General Anthooy Zinni, his American counterpart at US Central Command in Tampa, Florida,

Arthur C Clarke is still going to be Sir Arthur but the ceremony may have to wait for his reincarnation in another galaxy. That seemed the implication of the announcement from the seaside home of the prophet of the

Space Age yesterday, as the impact of the Sunday Minor's stoperformed at the British High were in his place I would have the best of the b ry slowly sank in to this sleepy corner of the global village.

On Sunday the newspaper declared Clarke to be a selfconfessed paedophile. He was Quoted admitting as much, and a Sri Lankan "friend" - head of current affairs at the Sri Lankan Broadcasting Company - alleged that Clarke was still having sex with boys "a few months ago". Clarke claimed he had not been sexually active for

Yesterday it was announced that he had requested the conferment of his knighthood to be postponed, to avoid embarrassing Prince Charles. The request was accepied. The

Commission tomorrow, Clarke was also said to be discussing the Mirror's story with his

In Sri Lanka, even the astrophysicist operates at a sedate, pre-modern pace, so 36 hnurs after the Mirror's story hroke it was my painful duty tu bring it in the attention of the director of the institute that bears Clarke's name. Professor Sam Karunaratne was visibly

"I can't even believe that a person uf the calibre of Dr Clarke would be descending to things of this nature," he said. "It's unimaginable... People are going to be, what do you say.

committed suicide!"

I also showed the story to Sri Lanka's most energetic campaigner against paedophilia, Maureen Seneviratne, who was equally appalled, "We've always considered him to be gay," she Said. "It was the general upinion in the country that he was gay, but a paedophile... it's beyond my comprehension.

"He is one of the people that nobody could touch. A highly reputed figure, very influential. This will be a shock to many

The allegations against Clarke are so serious because they appear to connect with the seedier aspects of foreign

means sex tourism. In Sri Lanka the established pattern is for wealthy Europeans to come into the country posing - and even performing - as businessmen ur philanthropists. They set up homes close to the idyllic west or south coast the problem six years ago peobeaches, and also close to com-

liny sums of money in return. A German man is serving a two year sentence and two other cases are going through the courts, and up to 100 suspected nacdonhiles are deported every year. Ms Senevirame's organisa-

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tion Peace (Protecting Environment And Children Everywhere) believes that as many as 7,000 children are involved in the trade at any one time. "Previous governments didn't even look into it, because all they were concerned about was tourism," said Ms Senevirame. "When we began working on

ple thought the foreign paedophile was a wonderful fairy godfather giving out presents so why were we rocking the boat? People were only outraged when the facts were brought to light."

The government of President Chandrika Kumaratunga has now taken Peace's research to heart and a Presidential Task Force is investigating.

Clarke has indeed been a wonderful fairy godfather for Sri Lanka. He set up the Arthur Clarke Centre for Modern Technologies 15 years ago with the money he received with a Marconi International Fellowship, and in a country that is still in many cases crushingly poor it is an inspiring success. Thanks to the centre, and Clarke's generosity with his contacts, many Sri Lankan scientists punch well above their nation's weight in research and development.

Whatever Clarke's past activities, his friends at the centre insist that he now lives a life of intense respectability. "Even if there is an element of truth." says Professor Karunaratne, "sometimes silence is better."



Clarke: Claimed not to be sexually active for 20 years

## Australia maps out its route to new republic

Australia's move to ditch the Queen is finally under way. It could become a republic by the end of the millennium. Robert Milliken reports from Sydney.

A constitutional convention of 152 delegates from all walks of life gathered in Canberra yesterday to decide the nuts-andbolts of how a new Australian head of state will replace the British monarchy which has been at the centre of the country's constitution for the past 97

The central question of whether Australia should become a republic at all will hardly feature at the convention. It seems to have been decided by consensus already. More than half the delegates are committed republicans. They include politicians, church leaders, Aboriginal chiefs, television personalities, sports stars and household names such as Janet Holmes à Court, Australia's most powerful businesswoman.

Even John Howard, the Prime Minister, who is sometimes described as Australia's "last monarchist" because of his staunch opposition to changing the constitution, grudgingly conceded, when he opened the two-week convention, that history may be on the republicans' side. He said: "In my view, the only argument in substance in favour of an Australian republic is that the symbolism of Australia sharing its legal head of state with a number of other na-

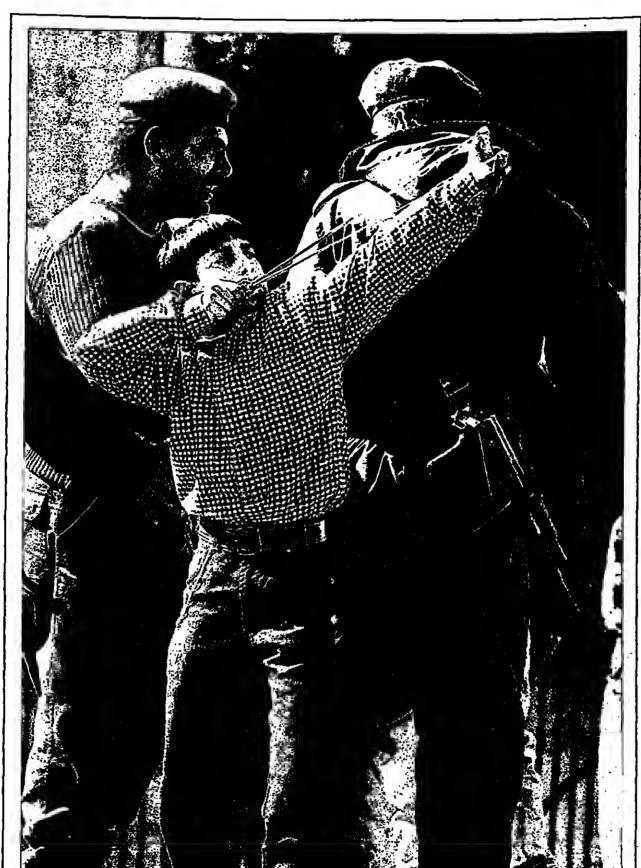
nons is no longer appropriate." Mr Howard promised that, if the convention could agree on a republican model by the time it winds up on 13 February, the government would put such a model to the people in a referendum next year. If the refwould become a republic in time for the centenary of its federation in January 2001.

There will be frantic horsetrading over the next fortnight. therefore, to make sure that such a model emerges. If it does not, the republican debate which has ignited Australian politics over the past four years will have counted for nothing, and the issue is likely to recede into the next century. As Kim Beazley, leader of the opposition Labor Party, put it yesterday: "The Anstralian people did not vote for a train wreck at this convention, and they must not get one."

Republicans are divided on the key question of bow a president should be appointed, and what powers the office should have. The Australian Republican Movement (ARM), the main republican lobby group, wants the president elected by a two-thirds majority of both houses of parliament sitting together, rather than by a direct popular vote, the overwhelming choice in public opinion polls.

The ARM argues that a directly-elected president could create havoc in Australia's Westminster parliamentary system by installing a potential prime minister. The ARM and Mr Howard are strange bedfellows on this point. The Prime Minister called on the convention yesterday to reject the direct election model.

Some republicans fear that if they do that, the whole republican issue could fall flat at a referendum. Opinion polls show that most people believe a former politician would get the job of president if it is left to parliament to elect him or her. Recent opinion polls show that 52 per cent of Australians want a republic, and about 35 per cent want to keep the monarchy. A survey a week ago by The Australian produced 67 per cent in erendum passed, then Australia favour of a republic.



Missing the action: A Palestinian boy aiming a slingshot at Israeli troops behind the backs of Palestinian police officers on the West Bank, Bethlehem, yesterday, in the fourth day of violent protests Photograph: David Silverman

#### Philippines jet missing near volcano with 104 on board

A Philippines DC-9 plane with 104 people on board vanished and an airport official said it appeared to have crashed into a volcano on southern Mindanao. Officials refused to acknowledge the plane had crashed 10 hours after it went missing; mountaineers set off at the 8,200ft Mt Balatucan to look for Cebu Pacific Air flight 387. It was flying from Manila to Cagayan de Oro, 500 miles from the capital, when it disappeared after a stopover at central Tacloban city. Officials said it made its last contact when it was at 11,000ft and 37 miles from Cagayan de Oro. - Reuters, Cogayan de Oro

## Bosnia drive for normality

International mediators unveiled common car-registration plates for Bosnia, saying they hoped the neutral design would enable free movement across the country's de facto ethnic boundaries. Jacques Klein, deputy international High Representative to Bosnia, said "the most talked-about" numberplate in the world had great significance for the country's peace process. The car plates carry a neutral design without national or religious symbols, unlike those currently in use, which betray a driver's ethnicity and home

#### Costa Rica goes conservative

Costa Rican voters upset over high prices and inflation chose a conservative economist to be their next president. Wearing the red and blue of the opposition Social Christian Unity Party, revellers hung from the sides of trucks and screamed the name of the winner - Miguel Angel Rodriguez. With 59 per cent of ballot boxes counted, he had 46.8 per cent of the vote, compared with 44.9 percent for Jose Miguel Corrales of the National Lib-

### Algerian forces kill 60 rebels

Algerian security forces killed 60 rebels south of Algiers, and 17 civilians, including a baby, were murdered elsewhere, Algerian newspapers said. Le Matin said 20 attackers cut the throats of 10 villagers in the western province of Tlemcen on Sunday, including a grandmother and the haby. Some 60 assailants slit the throats of four peasants as they were returning from work at vineyards in the wine-producing region of Medea, 70 km from Al-

#### Germans find beauty in words

Mark Twain poked fun at German, Chaplin exploited its gurgling inflexions in The Great Dictator, and Dutch students last year voted it the "most uncool tongue in the world". And now it turns ons to be banal, too. Readers of the tabloid Bild Zeitung say the most beautiful German word is Gesundheit - bealth, followed by danke. Words that give Germans most "satisfaction" - at numher five - are "peace", "love", "mother" and "trust". It's a far cry from the Germans' favourite vocahulary earlier this century. A Berlin newspaper ran a similar survey in the 1930s with different results. "Peace" then did not seem all that important, and Germans clearly were not as prone to hypochondria as they are today. The crowning glory of the German language then was Andacht - "devotion". followed by Demut - "humility". Freiheit -- "freedom" - took bronze.

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## Clinton lays ground for Gore win with balanced budget

President Clinton proposed America's first budget surplus in three decades. Mary Dejevsky in Washington says if the sums have been done correctly, the Democrats will have a strong card to play in the next presidential election in 2006.

President Bill Clinton, restored almost to his old, untroubled self, yesterday introduced a federal budget for the next fiscal year that would produce the first balance for 30 years and a projected surplus for the decade to follow.

Drawing a large nought against a prepared dollar sign on a billboard beside his lectern. Mr Clinton said that his budget, for the 1999 fiscal year which begins this October, would ensure a balanced budget 'not only next year, but as far as the eye can see".

The budget included \$252,60n (£1590n) for defence and an increase of about 6 per



cent for foreign aid. The bud-

get for the current fiscal year,

which was passed by Congress

last autumn, contained the con-

servative projection of a bal-

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the United States - low infla-

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The new forecast reflects the

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President Bill Clinton: Scored two political coups

pensation payments provisionally agreed by the big tobacco companies to compensate for the costs of treating tobaccorelated diseases.

That settlement has still not been approved by Congress and it could be eroded as states settle their tobacco claims individually. Mr Clinton has thus given Congress, where there is a Republican majority keen on fiscal discipline, an incentive to approve a tobacco settlement as soon as possible.

Mr Clinton's second political coup is to have undercut the Republicans on their calls for tax cuts, and even fundamental tax reform. Rather than spend any projected budget surplus on reducing taxes, the President is insisting that the priority should be to ensure funding for federal retirement benefits. This answers a contiming anxiety of many middleaged Americans who fear that the money could run out, or be severely diminished, just as they reach pensionable age.

#### Whissin on the rocks as Spanish launch the alcohol-free whisky

Hoping to match the success of alcobol-free beer and wine, a company in the Spanish city of Granada is now offering what Scots and Irish may regard as the ultimate heresy: alcohol-free whisky.

Made from a mixture of barley, maize and wheat, the apple is the product of more than two years' research and tests by the family firm, Espadafor, which specialises in non-alcoholic substitutes.

"Whissin", a short form of "whisky sin [without] alcohol", hits Spain's supermarket shelves on Thursday. Heating and pasteurising the mixture of grains and sugars prevents it from fermenting, and aromas are added to give it a passable tang.

"It is impossible to imitate on the palate the sensation produced by a drink containing 40 [per cent] alcohol. It has a different houquet," Domingo Carrion, a spokesman for the company. admitted, "But Whissin is a substitute that you can drink like whisky: neat, with ice or with mixers."

The company, which orig-

inally produced wine and fizzy drinks, has been moving into non-alcobolic substitutes in recent years. Mr Carrion was convinced there would be a market for a whisky substitute, as the real thing is the most widely-sold spirit in Spain.

"As far as we know, there is nothing like it on the marker at the moment," said Mr Carrion. He originally wanted to call the drink "Whissyn" but had to bow to objections from whisky producers who considered that name too similar to the real thing.

Authentic producers must feel their malt spirit has been subjected already to enough indignities, owing to the proliferation of Celtic-sounding whisky-based drinks. Some may feel that to extract the alcohol is going too far. None the less, alcohol-free drinks are increasingly popular in Spain, where it is customary to spend many hours of the day and night drinking socially, but where it is unacceptable - and rare - for people to be blind drunk.

- Elizabeth Nash, Madrid

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# Which airline partnership has all these awards?

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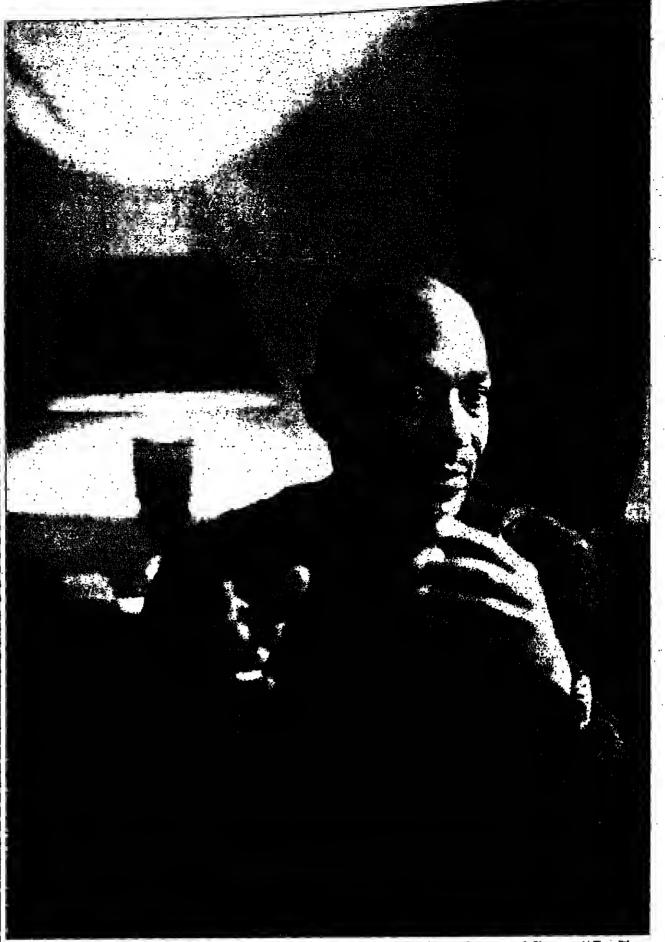
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Errol Brown: 'If you have a good standard of living you have dignity, and that is very important' Photograph: Tom Pilsto

## 'My first miracle was that I suddenly became musical

REVELATIONS

The time: 1968 The place: West Hampstead The man: Errol Brown of Hot.

My mother had just died, and being an only child from a hroken family, I was very bruised from the experience. It was breast cancer and she had beeo sick for two years. Although the doctor told me she was dyiog. she kept it a secret. She didn't know that I knew and I didn't say anything either: we kept up the pretence right to the end. It was the higgest pain I have ever had in my life. I had followed her here from Jamaica whoo I was 10. There was no family in this country except one auot in Stockwell, so I felt terrihly alone. To cope with the trauma, I played a lot of sports and kept

myself very busy.

Looking back, I realise I was searching for something, I just didn't know what. I was 20 and working at the Treasury in Whitehall as a clerical officer. If a question was asked about war debts in Communist bloc countries, I would get the files together and write a short answer. It was an easy job because I'd only be called for about twice a year - and I had an assistan. Most of the time I was drinking tea, playing table tennis and dreaming of a better future.

Although it was a good job. all I had to look forward to was becoming an executive officer in 10 years time. I knew I would never be able to afford a Rolls-Royce or take the holidays I wanted. I had observed that if you have a good standard of living you can have dignity and that is very important to me. I know the colour issue could come up at this point but I prefer not to talk about it because it is too clichéd - everybody is striving for independence and to be in control of their lives.

I sensed there was something else I could do, but what? Amazingly the answer to all my searching was just across the street where I lived in West Hampstead. Back in 1968,

Tony Wilson whose flat was almost opposite mine. He was a musician who already had released a few singles. At that point, I had no ambition to be a songwriter and never thought I had any chance in the music industry. The only singing I had ever done was as a soprano in the church choir. Tony and I would go ten-pin bowling and generally hang out together. Round this time I began to get



'It must be tough for him. That one argument must have cost him millions of pounds'

ly I wouldn't take any notice of them; but one day when Tony was driving the car it happened again. Instead of ignoring the tune, I started to hum it aloud. He asked me what it was. "Just something that popped into by mind." I replied.

After it had happened two or three times, he asked me to write some songs with him. I was amazed that he thought I could do it. However, like a duck finding water, I had discovered what I should be doing. That was the first miracle, and as my song says, "I believe in miracles". I am very spiritual and feel in touch with something greater. I can't help but think that maybe my mother had been some guidance. Or why else would I suddenly become so musical?

Really it was the emotion of los-

Tony and I formed Hot

Chocolate, and I sat down and Chance". We demoed the song but being so new had no idea you needed permission. The guy that paid for the recording sent it to the Apple label for John's approval. We all knughed but four days later he called and said: "John Lennon loves it and wants to put it out straight away!" For a group of kids in West

Hampstead the great man being interested in them was another miracle. Although Tony Wilson was the lead singer of Hot Chocolate, I had to sing on the recording because he was still under contract to another company. I told him I couldn't, hut he reassured me that I out and got a lot of attention. it was ecough for me to gamhle and give up the Treasury. We had written a song for Herman's Hermits and I discovered that their producer was Mickie Most. We took a tape of our songs to his office, but he didn't have a tape machine. We left without seeing him and thought that anyway he would never be interested in us. Three months later, I woke up with a very strong feeling: I had to go and see Mickie that very day. He listened to the original song I had wanted to play him but thought it was only pleasant. Since our first visit we had written another song and we put oo this oew demo and Mickie's response was "Thank God I came to work today." The second song got us the deal. My third miracle. After a while Mickie Most want-

ter at hitting the notes and had a better range. However Mick-ie felt that I should become the lead singer because I had the more commercial voice. I stood out while when Tony sung it sounded like several other peo-

ple. Another twist of fate.

ourselves 100. Everybody

thought that Tony had the bet-

ter voice; he was certainly bet-

through mutual frieods, I met ing her that sparked off my writ- tremely close, almost like brothing and provided me with a ers, and although he was hapmuch oeeded emotional outlet. py that he had finally got off the ground with Hot Chocolate, he was probably a bit peeved wrote new words to Joho that I was the singer. I don't Lennon's "Give Peace a think he ever got over that I before. I was very modest and previously didn't say much. We started arguing about what was a good idea for a song so decided to work separately. However, like Lennon and Mc-Cartney we credited them all as joint compositions and split the money right down the middie. We both presented songs to Mickie but he kept choosing mine - adding to Tony's frustration. I wrote most of the Hot

Chocolate hits and in particular "Brother Louie" and "Emma" - Top 10 hits in America and all over the world. Tony would be OK. The record came ended up having to hide behind me. The problems got worse, until we had a row about a Bside I had written. I told him: "If that is the way that you feel, I don't think we should share royalties any more." His retort was: "I don't want to share any thing with you anyway." It must be very tough for him now because that song was "You Sexy Thing" which weot on to become a standard. That one argument must have cost him millions of pounds.

Although Tony earned vast sums of money from my songs he begrudged my success. Fate meant "You sexy thing" didn't go that same way too. Now The Full Monty movie and the revival of "You Sexy Thing" have brought me to the attention of a whole new generation. I feel that justice has finally been served; perhant in mother ed us to write songs for still busy on my behalf. Tony and I have lost touch. However, will always be grateful to him in planting the seed and helping me find myself. I understand frustration so I can now los back with fondness.

Interview by Andrew G Marshall

Errol Brown's tour of the UK starts on 20 March in Portsmouth Tony and I had been ex- and ends on 22 May in Jersey.

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## "Siegfried Sassoon – mad, sad or heroically confused?

To us his anti-war poems and his sensational protest seem sanity itself, but the War Office papers, released yesterday, said he was mad. What is certainly true, says Ross Dovies, Is that he spent his whole life fighting his nightmares.

The War Office, according to his army file which was to bump Sassoon off. released by the Public Record Office towould he have had a protest against the war read out in the Commons? His men called him Mad Jack, because of his recklessness in the trenches, where he was recommended for a Victoria Cross. Wilfred Owen and Edmund Blunden who went through the same fire, called him master-poet, patron and above all, friend.

Whatever you may think of the War Office's description, he certainly was a man sar, an academic, much of the Sassoon's war of deep ambiguities. Debate about his attitudes, his sexuality, and what he intended in some of his war poems, remains

But "friend" is how generations of people trying to make sense of the British experience the Great War of 1914-1918 have must be waged seen Siegfried Sassoon ever since. There are his poems, but above all there is The Complete Memoirs of George Sherston, Sassoon's trilogy of fictionalised autobiography, which is the first stop for many readers on their search to understand what soldiers had to put up with, and how and why they stood it. Sassoon himself never really worked that one out, and he was still

trying when he died, aged 81, 31 years ago. With a name like Siegfried you might have expected this man to be on the other side during the Great War. He was thus named by his mother, a Wagner lover. He was the most "English" of men, his passions in life before the war cricket, fox-hunting and writing poems about not much else.

Yet Sassoon comes down to us today as the man who dared to protest against the war, and with a little help from his friends, notably his fellow-officer in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Robert Graves, to get away with it. There can be no doubt that by the middle-point of the war many soldiers on both sides had come to feel that the fighting was being prolonged needlessly. Generals far away from the fighting were combining with windbags in Parliament and moneybags out of it to fight it out to the last man in the trenches, or so it seemed to the men in the mud. The deference is that Sassoon said so, not later but at the time. He did so to the horror of the like-minded Graves who was frightened that if Sassoon weot on in estate has been bedevilled by disagreements this vein the British would now accomplish what the Germans had so far failed to do.

This is the Sassooo that crops up in antrilogy, Pat Barker's Regeneration (Viking) which appeared between 1991 and 1996, and in the current film of the same name. Sassooo famously met and befriended Wilfred Oweo in the Craiglockhart sanatorium, where Sassoon had been sent after his protest, and encouraged Owen to write the poems that, with Sassoon's, for many people define the years 1914-1918.

Others feel differently. To Adrian Caewriting "angry, violent and sado-masochistic." In evidence, Caesar his study of the war poets Taking it like a man, Ceasar quotes Sassoon's poem Peace:

In my heart there's cruel war that In darkness vile with moans and

bleeding bodies maimed; A gnawing hunger drives me, wild And bitter lust chuckles within me

Ceasar's Sassoon wanted the Germans to bump him off. His Sassoon was involved in "a vicious circle of anger and guilt" over his homosexuality, from which the only escape was death. The peace protest, like the daring in battle, was to invite another selfmartyrdom. When neither the Germans nor the British oblige, Caesar argues, Sassoon spent the rest of his life trying to make his

experience manageable. There is no end of Sassoons and books about Sassoons. Ironically, the one many people would like to read will never be written. As London university lecturer Jean Moorcroft Wilson is to reveal in her afterwards. It was as if there was no road Siegfried Sassoon: the making of a poet, the first volume of which Duckworth publishes this May, Sassoon wanted to write a book Others will keep trying to do it for him.

about his troubled sexuality. In 1918, a man, particularly a soldier, did not even speak of homosexuality. At the end of Sassoon's life, he still did not dare write of it, Ironically, the law legalising sex between consenting adults was repealed in 1967, the year Sassoon died, his book unwritten, Even now, a biography authorised by the Sassoon

Moorcroft Wilson is being cagey about her Sassoon. She says Caesar's Sassoon is "too black and white." Hers is more an icon for the 1990s – a "very brave man, yet one prepared to rip his Military Cross from his uniform and throw it into the River Mersey". We are in an age of protest, she says, and Sassoons's protest is very attrac-

Sassoon she believes was two people. One was an excitable young man caught up in the excitements of war such as exhilaration of patrolling at night in No Man's Land. But that was an artificial state created by his surroundings. The other man was the one who, back at home, and had time to think about the war never hesitated to say that, in the light of German peace overtures, what was happening to his friends and to his men was wrong."

Dr Moorcroft Wilson refuses to he drawn upon Sassoon's sexuality, or indeed whether he was homosexual or bisexual other than "it was a great problem to him" and that his orientation may have changed over the years. Although he had affairs with men in the 1920s he did later meet and fall in love with a woman, Hester Gatty, and they had a son, George. Though the marriage ended in separation, it lasted for many years and they parted friends. Dr Moorcroft Wilson may have more to say in the second volume of her hiography, which takes up the story from 1918 onwards.

Edmund Blunden, whom Sassoon helped after the war, worked out his nightmares in many poems, but wrote much else. So too did Robert Graves. But with Sassoon, it was different. In a career of over 30 years he wrote and rewrote poems and autobiography about the years up to 1918 , but published little of note about the years leading out of the Great War. The one book Sassoon wanted to write, he couldn't.





Photograph: Hulton Getty

## A doctor in the house? No, but here's a home-test kit...

Medical technology is bringing tests previously confined to the laboratory into our homes, allowing us to search for signs of disease well before any obvious symptoms appear. Is this new patient power - or another health risk? Peter Baker investigates.

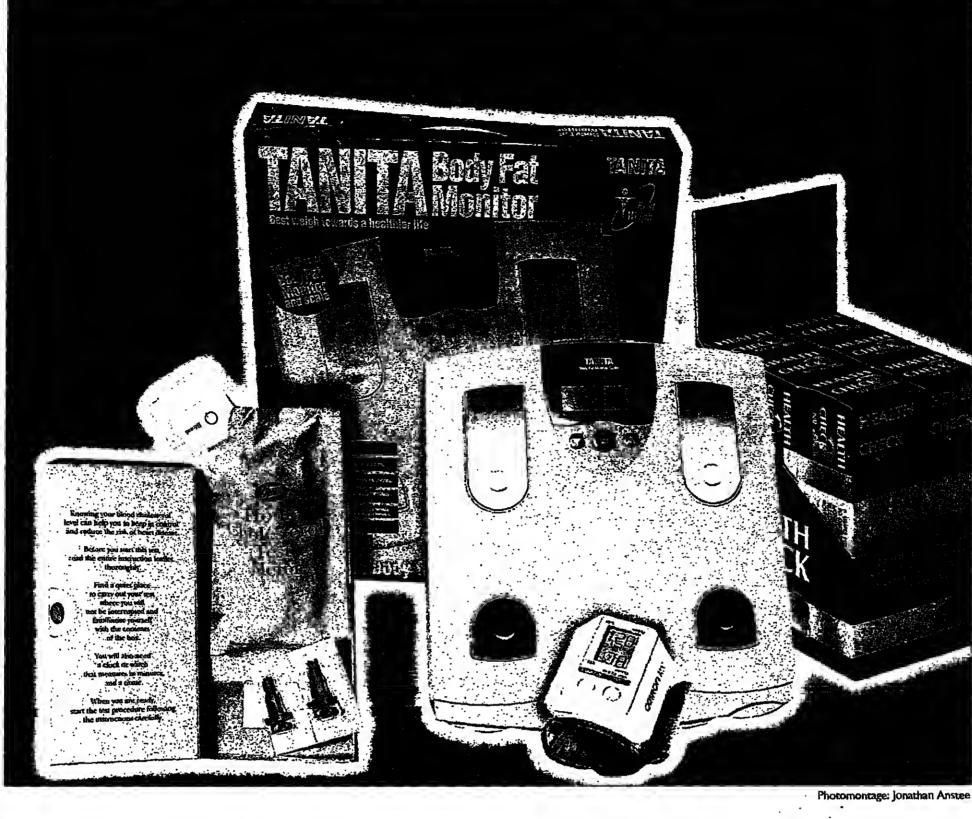
If a mole changes colour, a strange lump appears, or our bowel or bladder habits change, then we know we should visit a doctor. But we can now use more than our eyes. fingers and general sense of well-being to detect potential health prob-

Most pharmacies now stock a range of home-test products. Cholesterol tests and blood pressure monitors have been available for several years but several new devices have recently come on to the marker. These eoable us to analyse our stools for traces of blood (a possible symptom of a wide range of bowel disorders, including cancer), probe our urine for excess glucose (which could indicate diabetes) and measure our body fat to check if it is a risk factor for heart disease.

If we lived in the United States, we could huy more diagnostic kits than might be found in many British hospitals. Anxious Americans can check themselves for HIV, chlamydia. helicobacter pylori (the bacteria linked 10 peptic ulcers |, tuberculosis, hepatitis, pneumonia and prostate specific antigen (a marker for prostate cancer). They can even inspect their children's urine for evi-

dence of illegal drug use. Although home-testing for HIV is specifically hanned in the UK, there is no regulatory framework that prevents other home tests heing marketed here - and they almost certainly will he. "We're all so greedy for information that this is an unstoppable process," says Dr David Murfin of the Royal Callege General

Practitioners. But while home tests may well seem like a hypochondriac's dream come true, should the rest of us be investing in them? Common-scase suggests that any product capable of deteeting health problems at the heneficial. After all, the soongreater the likelihood of suc- and micro-chips must be accu-



the result will ultimately prove

seen as another way in which we

can take preater control over

our own health, serious ques-

-tions remain about its advis-

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whether we choose to test our-

selves or not, the best medical

advice remains: if we are wor-

ried about our health, we

cessful treatment.

Cecilia Yardley of Colon Cancer Concern argues that "18.000 people a year die of bowel cancer while research suggests screening could detect up to 18 per cent of cases before they would otherwise have been picked up and when they can be successfully treated.

Doubts remain about the reliability of some of the tests, earliest possible stage must be however. While it is tempting to assume that any device incorer a problem is detected, the pornting chemicals, test tubes

rate, this is by no means always the case. An independent evaluation of three bloodpressure monitors found only one met standards specified by the British Hypertension

Meanwhile, an investigation of Boots' cholesterol test by the Government's medical devices directorate concluded that it was "capable of giving accurate results when used by a trained professional [but] when used by the consumer the potential for obtaining incorrect results is in-

Boots amended their test after this report but the British Heart Foundation remains conmistakes. The biggest danger is forward. a so-called "false negative" response. This means that a test reassurance. A cholesterol test has missed signs of potential disease and incorrectly suggested the person is healthy. It is not level. "But cholesterol is just one difficult to imagine someone carrying out a home test for says Dr Murfin. "A good result signs of diabetes, misreading the could make people think they're results and, believing them-

creased thirst. In this scenario,

could, quite accurately, show that someone has an acceptable risk factor for heart disease." not at risk even though they're selves to be in the clear, ignor- eating badly, not exercising UK. In some cases, moreover, . should see a doctor.

ing symptoms like fatigue or in- enough and smoking 40 a day." Then there is the amoety in to be a "falsepositive" - in the result of the test could ac- evitably caused by a positive ie other worth further tests will retually be to delay effective treat- sult. "The problem is that veal the person to be healthy. cerned about the potential for ment rather than bring it people can be testing them. Although self-testing seems selves for what could be serious certain to grow and can be

> woman for the British Medical Association. "They could get frightening or worrying results and they don't have any information or

This is a key reason why HIV home-testing is prohibited in the

DETECTORS Cholesterol Test (Boots,

DREAD DISEASE

A high cholesterol level is a risk factor for heart disease. To use the device you prick your finger with a lancet and squeeze blood into a meter. However an inaccurate low result could provide false reassurance, so the British Heart Founda-

Blood pressure monitor (Digital monitors start at around £50)

tion says initial tests should

be carried out only by a GP.

Only one is approved by the British Hypertension Society - Omron's HEM 705 CP, £169.95.) High blood pressure, usually symptomiess, is a risk factor for heart disease. You attach a cuff to your wrist and read the display. The British Heart Foundation believes a monitor may be of use to people already known to have high blood pressure.

Urine test (Kent

Pharmaceuticals, £7.95) Urine abnormalities may signify diabetes, kidney and liver disease or urinary tract infections. The test, based on a hospital version, is done with a card held in the urine stream then compared to a coloured chart. The British Diabetic Association believes kits can be a preliminary way of detecting glucose intolerance hut should not be relied upon for a diagnosis

Blood in stools test (Kent Pharmaceuticals,

Invisible traces of blood in faeces can signify bowel cancer and other diseases. A stick is dipped in a sample, placed in a bottle and the result is seen. The manufacturer claims 99 per cent accuracy. Colon Cancer Concern says a test will let individuals identify a problem needing treatment.

Body-fat monitor (Tanita, £89.99)

High levels can be a heartdisease risk factor. You stand on a device like a scales and it passes a minute current through your body, when your proportion of fat is displayed. Accuracy said to be plus or minus 5 per cent

## 'Look, mate, whether or not I'm a walking Oedipus complex is no concern of yours'



HAMMOND

"Morning doctor" "Morning Mr Braithwaite,

What can I do for you?" "I'd like to be psychoanalysed please"

"Mphphph" "Are you all right doctor?" 'I'm sorry. It's the central heating. So you want to be psychoanalysed?

"Yes." "Well, I'm sure that can be arranged."

it's bollocks."

"Oh dear. So you don't "By you."

"Now."

"Why not?" have a Viennese accent. Or a heard. Or a couch."

"No"

"Frankly I'm offended by your pejorative Hollywood "And also, I've only got six minutes per patient."

"Well you could make a "Right... well... um...." "You don't know how to do

it do you?" "Haveo't the foggiest. How do you feel about that?" "Oh, you're getting the

bang of it now." "No, I waso't trying to ... " You must be a natural

"Look, the thing is, I don't feel I can psychoanalyse you because a) I haveo't been trained to do it and b) I think

want to search for hidden

meanings in my dreams and bog all. And there's no cvichildhood memories?" "Nopc."

"And you don't want to "Well, for a start I don't peel off the onion-skin layers of my unconscious repression?" "Definitely not."

'And you don't want me to transfer on to you?" You stay that side of the desk or I'll call security."

"It seems to me you're quite closed and hostile." What are you doing?"

"Since childhood, you've suffered a tremendous repressed jealousy of your father's sexual access to your mother...

"Look, mate, whether or not I'm a walking Oedipus complex is no concern of

"So you're familiar with Freud then?"

Only enough to know he vas no scientist. Most of his theories were pseudo-scientific rubbish. His experiments were on a handful of patients with no controls and he proved

dence that his psychoanalysis has any value in the treatment

"What about Bertha Pappenheim?" "What about her?" "She was Freud's most famous patient. He psychoagaiysed her, she had a

> cathartic reaction to her father's death and her hysterical symptoms disappeared." "She didn't have hysteria, she had tubercular meningitis.

of psychological disturbance."

Her symptoms returned soon after seeing Freud and she died shortly afterwards." "I didn't know that."

"Freud did. But he carried on blathering on about unconscious impulses and their subtle expressions." "Your stethoscope is a

"Absolutely. Now if ... "But you haven't offered

me any advice"

"Stop ferreting around in the past, forget yesterday's emotions and coocentrate on

today's thoughts."

"Carry on. I like that." "Learn to challenge and stamp out your automatic negative thoughts by seeing how unrealistic and irrational your predicament is." "More, more..."

"This simple realisation will eoable you to change your emotional state. Every thought you have effects your mood. So the more positive thoughts,

the better you feel." "Brilliant. What's it called?"

"Cognitive behavioural therapy. It's truly a therapy for the nineties... "Can I have some of that

then?" "Not yet. I haven't finished Dr Raj's book. Try me in a week's time." What do I do till then?

"Um ... just hang loose." "Like a goose?" "Like a positive thinking goose, with oo repressed emo-

"That sounds great." "Doesn't it just."

VITAL SIGNS

Naise is a source of stress, but different age groups react 55. differently to the same noise. Background music in pubs and shops irritates almost a third of the over 55s hut bothers only 6 per cent of

Crying babies, on the other

hand, drive a third of 16- to 24-

year-olds to distraction but wor-

those under 35.

ries only 8 per cent of those over Fungal infections of the

The survey, for Lanes, a manufacturer of natural health care products, found one in five people are upset by neighbours quarrelling and almost one in three by the noise of traffic. But top of the list, as the most disturbing noise of all, came the was barking of dogs.

fingernails and toenails are estimated to affect over one millioo people in the UK. The coodition, which is

unsightly, can be painful and can cause disintegration of the nail. Creams and olotments are of limited use and oral drugs have to be taken for three months and in

some cases up to 12 months. A new drug treatment, called Sporanox-Pulse, now offers the shortest treatment course lasting nine weeks, with the drugs themselves taken for a maximum of three weeks. A pulse is a seven-day course of pills followed by a three-week drug holiday. Available only on prescription.

A cancer treatment extracted from a marine organism is being developed as a treat--ment. Curacin A has the potential to stop cell division, the means by which cancer grows, but is unstable with a short life span at room temperature. It is in short supply and difficult to harvest.

— Jeremy Laurance





it's a flat, flat world: a typical 'Illustration for Beginners' guide to bathers' body-language in 'Eleuthera', 1984 (above); more cliched tricks from the photo-realist illustrator's handbook in 'Red Coat', 1982 Photographs: The Saatchi Gallery, London

## All at face value and nothing left to the imagination

The art of Alex Katz is all very familiar, all very 'cool'. But surely there's more to life than this?

Ah, a Sunday afternooo at the Saatchi Gallery! What a subject for Seurat! Look - the toddlers and the huggies and the couples - the ladies and gentlemen in their discreetly expensive leisure-wear - this is surely London's brighter bourgeoisie en promenade, the Sunday papers walking. Yes, it's often struck me that the Saatchi Gallery of a weekeod provides one of those play-grounds for class solidarity that the modern "town" is geoerally short of: a public place you can go, confident of meeting 'people like us", people who are strangers but your kind of people, with whom you sliare life-styles, world-views and worries, and might share a glance or a smile, get talking to, and find out you have mutual friends or business in common, or just bask in the knowledge that you're safely among peers. Or equally, a subject for Alex Katz, the painter now showing at the Saatchi Gallery. Katz is 60 and lives on America's East

Coast. He paints people (though latterly many landscapes too) and he paints very big pictures. He paints sometimes single figures, sometimes group tableaux, incideots of everyday life, at parties, on the beach, in the office or the café, images that, though large, are close-up and tightly cropped. Victorian-minded viewers, looking for busy anecdote, won't have much joy from these sceoes: the gestures and expressions here are muted, the stories are inexplicit. Likewise brush-fanciers, for the painting is flat and inexpressive. A word very often attached to Katz's work is "cool".

A swift eye might use harsher words. The drawing is wooden. The transitions from light to shade are implausibly jumpy. Eyes and mouths refuse to stick themselves to their faces. Hands are never quite right. Every trick - the folds of clothing, the streaking of hair, the rendering of a rain drip or blade of grass - is completely formulaic. Every effect is an Illustration for Beginners cliche, briskly managed. If you doo't see sheer incompetence here, you're likely to detect irony.

In fact, trying to think what these images were most like, I hit on the illustrations to Cyra McFadden's The Serial, that charming satirical novellette about life in Marin County, California, in the 1970s. Wrong coast, but near enough to Katz in period and mores; and many of the scenes - people hanging out in a leisurely way and having slightly awkward encounters - look very like Katz's. The Serial's illustrations (by Tom Cerveoak) were done in photorealism manqué, a style that declared its aims, the kind of look it was after, while always failiog to make it - just as (this seemed to be the point) the people in the story are always striving to have "real" lives, but failing too.

But those Cervenak pictures were themselves parodies of really low-grade illustrations, the sort that go with serials and short stories in women's magazines - done in the most perfunctory photo-manner, that doesn't even try to simulate a photo, just nods at the form of realism everyone knows. Katz works initially from life, but this photo-derived box of illustrational tricks is the basic style he uses, his home key. It's not ironic.

It's a deliberately limited style, of course, one that's self-conscious about beiog a style, a repertoire of clear, crude formulas. But one can't call it a parody. Rather, Katz brings it to a surprising intensity. He flattens it further and fills it out with fields of powerful, occasionally beautiful colour. He stresses and isolates his illustrational devices to give them their full say, to allow their elementary artifice a naive directness - believe it, this brown are is an eyebrow,



this plainly outlined red shape with a is the way we live, this is oormal. And it's stroke of highlight is a mouth.

Partly it's an effect of scale: greatly magnified, the mechanism of these devices is nakedly obvious; partly it comes from added formalisation (the way, for instance, he makes the meeting of lips or the edge of a neck into a perfectly straight line); partly from the bold and flattened colour. This array of bog-standard representational formulae is exposed and re-enforced and heightened, so as to achieve an iconic authority. What's missing in psychological depth is made up for in calm, blank mystery.

It's the mystery of face values absolutely accepted. Katz's painting insists that pictorial conventions are all we've got; and

### BY TOM LUBBOCK

that the transpareot visibility of these cooventions is itself true to life, because that's how life is, a make-up job. Norms and conventions - costume, hair-dos, body-language, the games people play - these are simply what we are. But it's not a satirical strategy, just as Eric Berne's psycho-bestseller The Games People Play isn't a satire, though it often feels it ought to be. It's not that we can stop playing games, the point is to play them more efficiently. And such is Katz's visioo. It affirms this state of normality and makes it graodly definitive.

The woman's face in Red Coat, say: a fashion plate, a perfect, beautician designed composition of elements - and what else are our faces? Or take Summer Triptych. It shows three young couples in the park, each attached to each other in different ways. One pair hold hands, one has arms round shoulder and waist, one has the man's arms round the woman from behind. These people might come from a study of body-language: we know nothing more of them than this typical behaviour. But, of course, we To 12 April, Saatchi Gallery, 98a Boundary know the types and we know the score. This Road, London NW8 (0171-624 8299)

important that Katz's mysteriousness oever becomes actually puzzling. The world and its ways must be recognised as familiar.

So his human tableaux are dumb, but always articulable. We don't know exactly what's going oo late at the office in Thursday Night, hut we can well imagine the kind of thing, we can make up the relevant short story if we can be bothered. (Edward Hopper's Office at Night, by contrast, is filled with an air of enigma that no story could explain.) Again, with the three womeo caught at a doubtful moment at a drinks party in Trio, or the suobathers exchanging unreadable glances in Round Hill: make it up if you want. These are people like us, the sort of scenes we might have snapped ourselves.

But this take is simply not true, and no amount of iconic emphasis can make it so. One may honour the attempt to represent contemporary Western existence absolutely oo its own terms, while perhaps demurring at the way the life of surface appearances can be promoted to an existential heroism (Hey, this is all we are, we moderns - flat souls, actors, behavers, signifiers, nothing more - and we fearlessly embrace our condition without oostalgia; our flatness is something rather grand). But the important falsity of the visioo is its lack of teosion. Even face values are oot just a given. They too have to be lived up to, and one can fail to do so, sometimes miserably.

I doo't criticise Katz for being deficient in a more common form of existential heroism, howling anguish. I merely come back to Cyra McFaddeo's The Serial and the way it shows its characters trying hard to live their chill-out, hang-loose life-styles and finding that they've only landed themselves with another lot of norms, different from their parents', yes, but ultimately, like all norms, not workable without some strain, dishonesty and grief. That sense of strain is what Katz's work eliminates, utterly and emphatically denies. Everything in this world is just so. It's something you may also feel as you stroll round the Saatchi Gallery on a Sunday afternoon. But you know very well it just isn't.

## 'Whose realism is it anyway?'

"Everything in paint that's representational is false - because it's not representational, it's paint... The way I paint, realistic, is out of abstract painting as opposed to abstract style. So I use a line, a form and a colour. So my contention is that my paintings are as realistic as Rembrandt's. Now, that's supposed to be realistic, but I don't see those dark things around it, I don't see those dark things anywhere. It [Rembrandt's art] was realistic painting In its ome. It's no longer re-

"For an artist, this is the highest thing

an artist can do - to make something that's real for his time, where he lives. But people don't see it as realistic, they see it as abstract. But for me it's realistic. mean, do those Impressionist paintings actually look realistic

You open Pandora's box when you start off with that. Then you say: Well, then what is realistic? Then I say: Well, maybe my things are as realistic as the

next guy's. Giacometti is very realistic, but for his time and place. It's not very realistic in my time and place.

"It has nothing to do with the quality of the art, it's the quality of the vision. And when paintings somehow are no longer realistic, they often become great, great art."

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Taken from an interview with Alex Kotz by David Sylvester, as published in the Soatchi Gallery's catalogue to its current

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Richard Branson's victory in court yesterday was one of those rare events which unite the lowliest and the highest in the land. It ought to command as much attention in Downing Street (and those adjacent regions where the Dome project is being managed) as in the neighbourhood newsagent selling tickets for tomorrow's draw. The National Lottery, its prize, its winners, its proceeds, its extravagances have been a deep source of national interest (and amusement) during the past four years. Now the Branson libel trial has cast new light on mechanics that most ple are happy to take for granted - the organisation of draws and prizes and their regulation on behalf of the state. The verdict in his favour not only puts in doubt the probity of one of the principal partners in the consortium running the enterprise but the effectiveness of the regulator. Oflot. Mr Branson asserts that the watchdog has failed. The jury believed

him. As a result, a precious element of

public trust in a great public enterprise is in danger of being lost.

It would be wrong (and inconsistent of us, long-time critics of the libel law) to put too much weight on a single courtroom drama. Yesterday the jury believed Richard Branson. He cuts a very attractive figure, a walking advertisement for business as buccaneering fun. In this playlet he was cast against an overpaid American, Guy Snowden. Yet it is more than personal. The jury decided that over the National Lottery there hangs a miasma of doubt and dishonesty. In short, the thing smells.

A peculiar odour attaches to the way the contract to run the lottery was granted by the Conservatives. After Mr Branson's victory we need to ask again why wasn't his bid to run the thing as a notfor-profit operation not accepted. The answer is not graft. Whatever else they are, the former Tory ministers Peter Brooke and Virginia Bottomley were not bribetakers. The true answer is probably worse.

They were ministers in a government which, however much it said it had left behind the dogmatic certainties of Thatcherism, remained imprisoned in her ideological cage. Worse, they failed to see that the pursuit of profit in monopolistic markets demands the strictest regulation.

A nasty smell thus attaches to the man the Tories put in to guarantee the public interest, Peter Davis of Oflot. The fact that he has been examined and found wanting by the Public Accounts Committee makes things worse. That Mr Davis commissioned a senior lawyer to investigate Mr Branson's charges against Glech looks in retrospect to be even more ill-advised than it seemed at the time. When Mr Branson refused to cooperate (because he had no confidence in Mr Davis as a regulator because of his admitted acceptance of GTech hospitality) Mr Davis should have considered his position.

He did not then but really ought to go now. And if he won't go before his con-

tract expires in the autumn, that at least gives the Government an opportunity to think deeply about how to rectify the mistakes made by the Tories. Tony Blair and Peter Mandelson surely understand that if the processes of public gambling get tainted, the good causes it is supposed to benefit are harmed, too. Peter Davis never seemed to realise that his perceived proximity to the commercial interests hurt the charities receiving the proceeds of the Lottery. It won't do to say that the everyday punter is concerned only about odds and prize money. The role of the regulator ought to have been that of an assurance mechanism, guaranteeing the fairness and above-board nature of the enterprise. That public faith is in jeopardy.

Unless Labour ministers use the Branson imbroglio as an occasion to regroup. They have a problem in winning public approval of the tottery-funded Dome. It is in their own interests - let alone those of the public - to make Oflot a muscular

agency of public purpose. Margaret Beckett, Secretary for Trade and Industry, has been reviewing the operations of the regulators overseeing gas, electricity and water. Typical of British government's enervating departmentalism has been the way in which this review has failed to look across the experience in telecommunications and gambling regulation. Taking the new regulators together, we now know a lot about the kind of personality and the kind of structure that ensures effective and fair regulation of monopolistic industries. Regulators have to do more than sit back and let the wheels turn. Peter Davis appears to have failed even to hegin to inquire into the commercial background of the entities of the Camelot consortium. That lesson must be absorbed, and applied elsewhere. Regulators must be energetic. all-seeing, unafraid - and extremely careful about offers to pay for their plane tickets coming from fat-cat Americans judged in court to be liars.

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## LETTERS

#### EU policy on Iraq

ti does seem perverse that Great Britain, while currently chairing the Presidency of the European Union, one of whose most pressing treaty ohligations is the Common European Foreign and Security Policy,. should, uniquely, be so closely associated with the policy of the American administration towards Iraq.

Given that the previous Gulf War alliance no longer pertains and in order to oblige Saddam Hussein to permit the UN inspectors to carry out their mandate, the British government could usefully broker a united European diplomatic and, if needs be, military position. CHRISTOPHER BEAZLEY Nettlebed, Oxfordshire

Weapons investigations in Iraq must be done by an objective and skilled team of experts from a number of countries. A United Nations team in reality and not just in name. Since US members of the team are not acceptable to Saddam Hussein, alternative experts should

If a newly constituted team was accepted, this could be a ace-saving move for both sides If it was not accepted, this could not damage or change the present situation. If the United Nations was prepared to take such action, it would prove that it was not entirely dominated by the United States.

An alternative would be for the US to withdraw voluntarily from the inspection teams. not as a sign of weakness hut as a gesture of confidence in the weapons inspection as an objective process and not a political manoeuvre.

PATRICIA KNOWLES Selly Oak, Birmingham

#### The value of nurses

Peter Fisher (letter, 29 January) makes a welcome contribution to the dehate on the recruitment crisis of the nursing profession. However, he is in danger of perpetuating the myth of nurses as caring but simple creatures in need of little sustenance or rewards othcr than those intrinsic in helping others.

The question of pay is, in fact, central to the problem. Nurses are a highly trained, disciplined, hard-working, legally accountable and successfully self-regulating profession who

routincly save and enhance the lives of their fellow human heings, working the sort of hours and in the kind of environments most other professionals could scarcely imagine, let alone tolerate.

tensive study with demanding clinical placements. Subsequent training is compulsory in order to re-register every three years. yet this is often undertaken without the financial support of employers. General nursing has seen the advent of extra responsibilities passed on from the medical profession and, in my field of mental health nursing, we have taken on board a succession of new legislation and initiatives such as Care in the Community and the Care Programme Approach, for no extra pay.

In this light, it is with some bitterness that we see the Government contemplating the continued systematic impoverishment of nurses by setting the latest pay rise below the

rate of inflation. It has always been understood that no one will make their fortune in nursing, but the Government's latest plans give out the clear message that the work we do is simply not valued. Initial training combines in-

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#### An old musical battle

Most musicians would agree with Julian Lloyd Wehber on the frightfulness of mid-20th century concert halls and the desirability of television spots for young performers, but in the tonality vs modernism debate he is fighting old battles ("Stop the dictators of modern music", 2 Fehruary).

My local CD shops shift much more Gorecki than Birtwistle and Ferneyhough. Last Sunday John Adams' Nixon in China got a complete concert performance at the Barbican. ENO is mounting an opera by Gavin Bryars later in the year. John Tavener seems

uhiquitous. And who gets to represent the world of music to the movers and shakers in Davos? Pierre Boulez? György Kurtág? Thomas Ades, perhaps, for the younger generation? Er. no. Julian Lloyd Wehber, actually. If the "die-hard radicalists" really are running a dictatorship, then they should keep a tighter lid on their dissidents. MARITIN PICKARD

Protecting wetlands

Yesterday, three new Ramsar sites - internationally important wetlands - were announced, to mark the occasion of World Wetlands Day (report, 2 February) and, no doubt, to demonstrate the Government's commitment to protecting wetlands.

This commitment will soon be tested over plans to develop part of the Thames Marshes. Rainham Marsh is the largest remaining fragment of grazing

marsh in London and is vitally important for a wide range of wildlife. It is subject to a planning application from English Partnerships, the Government's regeneration agency, for 90 hectares of unspecified commercial development. If the application is successful, it will be the largest single loss of a protected site in England since the wildlife law that should protect it was passed in 1981.

The proposed development would be a scandalous misuse of public money with, we understand, at least £16m heing spent to put a nationally valuable wildlife sitc under concrete. It would completely overturn the Government's commitment to enhance and recreate grazing marsh as part of the UK's Biodiversity Action Plan and is opposed by the Government's own statutory advisers, English Nature and

the Environment Agency. The decision as to whether or not this national wildlife treasure will be lost for ever will be the

"Put it another way," said

the man. "We are constantly

preoccupied with what has not

yet happened or with what is

over and done with. We know

that next summer will be warm

govern my behaviour," I said.

should be booking your summer

holiday now and putting your

lawn mower in for an overhaul."

"Maybe, but I don't let that

"You should," he said. "You

and the grass will grow ..."

Deputy Prime Minister's. Allowing it to be lost would destroy our government's environmental credibility. To allow the development to proceed with government money would compound the error. We call upon the Deputy Prime Minister to remain true to the manifesto promise to hring the environment to the heart of all policy. BARBARA YOUNG

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## Rural contentment

May I reply to Philip Resheph's letter (28 January)? As an over-subsidised country denizen and Post Office pensioner, I would not dream of marching anywhere, let alone

to London. I have long reflected

on the source of wealth which allows me a modest lifestyle and just about keeps me in food and deht free. I have also reflected over

PRIESTLEY

the years on the amounts of milk, meat, poultry, fruit, flowers, wheat for bread, hops for beer, and barley for whisky which are carted daily from countryside to city and, annoyingly, often cost less there. As coal and aggregates are transported from the countryside. I have reflected on the acres of dereliction and desecration caused by opencast coal mining and quarrying to supply energy and building materials, mostly for people in

the cities. I came to the conclusion years ago that we are all dependent on each other, that country dwelling gives more time for serious observation. and that it is better to be a contented yokel than a hitter

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#### In the 1951 dome

To answer your learned enquirers as to what was in the Dome of Discovery of 1951 (letters, 28 and 31 January), my official guide (costing 2/6d) shows that the display was divided into eight areas.

These were: the Land ("exploration leading to development of overseas territories"); the Earth ("science revealing the age and structure of the Earth: technology developing its underground resources"); Polar ("a great tradition applied particularly to scientific discovery and aided by mechanisation"); Sea ("the great heritage of Drake and Cook passed to the marine scientists who are yearly adding to our knowledge of the sea"); Sky ("weather forecasting and research and the exploration into the ionosphere, which improves long-distance radio communication"): Outer Space ("what we have learned from the old astronomy of Newton and from the new astronomy which uses radio methods"); the Physical World ("explorations into the nature and behaviour of matter that have made possible many of the material achievements of the present age"); and the Living World ("discoveries of the secrets of life, Darwin's great influence in the world of thought and contemporary hiological research").

On the South Bank site there were also exhibition pavilions and displays including television, telecinema, the 1851 exhibition and 25,000 photographs illustrating the wide range of British manufacturers. LESROERIG Braintree, Essex

#### Double-edged rights

As you say (leading article, 2 February), women still experience discrimination in the area of capital punishment, being far

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less likely than men to suffer it. As it happens. Olympe de Gouges, the early French feminist, not only noticed hut opposed this fact. In the Declaration of Rights of Woman and Citizeness, which she published in 1791, Articles 7-10 insist that women have the same right as men not only to make laws but to suffer under them. And two years later she did so herself, being guillotined during the Reign of Terror.

JEAN RAISON London N19

## The wise man was no fool. He knew that I would buy what he had to sell



MILES

KINGTON

"Time is elastic," said the man stretchy, and breaks when you in the puh to me. "Time is elastic. Know what that means?"

I try to discourage people in pubs from talking to me. The method I choose is to engage them in conversation and bore them so much that they just go

"Yes, I know what it means,"

This surprised him. What I was meant to say was something like, No, I have no idea what it means, please tell me the mystery of time, o wise stranger in

"Go on, then, tell me," he said, "tell me what it means that time is elastic."

"It means that after a while time goes hard and wrinkled instead of being supple and

pull at is." His face spread into a smile

when he realised that I was trying to be funny. People who are trying to be funny can always be defeated by people who are trying to be boring.

'No, what I mean by time being elastic is that people no longer live in the present. We live in the past and future simultaneously."

I said nothing, meaning that he had not got to the interesting hit yet.

We do not think it odd to he planning for someone's hirthday in two week's time and at the same time reading a history of World War I."

"These days you wouldn't be reading a history of World War

L" I said, "You'd be reading a novel about it. Have you noticed that everyone from Sebastian Faulks to Pat Barker is writing novels about World THIS PUBS and on the list, War I? And nobody is writing along with Princess Diana, The them about World War II? Full Monty, The Eurovision Song Why do you suppose that is?" Contest and Dame Elton John, For a moment, he paused, it said The Millennium.

and then decided it would be more fun to go on with his own train of thought. "Anyway, you get the point that we exist in the past and fu-

ture as well as the present. For instance, the Millennium is in the future - but it celebrates the past as well! You couldn't have AD 2000 without AD 0!"

He was interrupted at this point by the landlord leaning forward, tapping him on the shoulder and pointing to a big

Uncanny. It was exactly notice behind him. It was headwhat my wife had said the day ed "UP-TO-DATE SCHED-ULEOFCONVERSATIONAL before. "Go on," I said, getting in-TOPICS WHICH ARE terested despite myself. TOTALLY BARRED FROM

"Now, people get their mowers serviced in the winter because if they wait for summer, they will find the garden machinery people are all busy servicing mowers. So they get their mowers serviced in winter for

the summer to come. Right?" "Wrong," I said. "If everyone does that, then they'll find that the garden machinery people are all husy in winter, and free in summer."

"Nowadays we live partly in the past and partly in the future," he said, ignoring me. "We are used to TV and radio repeats. We are used to seeing

sports highlights being immediately repeated in slow motion. We are used to seeing new films come out a year later as a new videos. We live in an age of déjà

vu. Time is becoming elastic ... "I have an uncanny feeling that I have heard parts of this conversation before somewhere," I said.

"Give you another example," he said. "When summer comes, we all say that it's Pimms time, but when we go to the shops to buy some Pimms, there's none there. Why not?" "Because it's Pimms time,

and people have bought it all." buy Pimms is in wintertime!"

"Exactly. The right time to "That's the first sensible thing you've said," I said. "Next time I go into a wine shop, I'll stock up on Pimms." "No need," he said, "I've got a case in the car. I'll let you have it at a very advantageous rate." Somewhat hemused, I found myself the owner a few

minutes later of a case of "It's a joy to walch him at work," said the landlord to

me. "What a salesman." As I left the pub, lugging a crate of Pimms, I overheard the man saying to a couple sitting by the fireplace. "Time is elastic, did you know that? Yes, time is elastic! Know what that

I had an extraordinary feeling that I had heard this conversation somewhere before, and that I didn't want to hear

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## Why I lost the debate over the Monarchy



**ANDREAS WHITTAM** SMITH IN SEARCH OF A CREDIBLE PRESIDENT

You always learn something from a full-scale debate, with many speakers and a vote at the end. At the Oxford Union recently, I came to see clearly the point at which the arguments in favour of a republic fail to convince. It was not such a solemn occasion as the Australian constitutional convention on the Monarchy which has started this week, but it was a good test because we were not debating in conservative territory. Students filled the chamber literally to the rafters. I suppose the average age was 21 years and I imagine that a majority voted left-of-centre in the General Election last May.

Undergraduate speakers were interspersed with outsiders. Bill Emmott, editor of The Economist, spoke in favour of the motion: "This house believes that the Monarcby has outlived its usefulness". He was supported by the secretary of The Republic and I wound up. Against us was Winstoo Churchill, who was MP for Davyhulme until the last election, Edward Heathcote Amory, associate editor of The Spectator, Boh Houston, editor of Royalty magazine and Frederick Forsyth, novelist and wit.

We lost. To my surprise, I must say. That is why it was an interesting evening. For substantial arguments in favour of the motion are easy to mount whereas our opponents had to make do with the magic of the Monarchy, with its role as an icon, even with the threadbare appeal to royalty as a tourist attraction.

The difficulties for the republican argument did not lie in any discussion of the Monarch's role during a constitutional crisis. Under our present arrangements, oo those extremely rare occasions when, after, say, an indecisive election or some upheavals involving the leadership of the governing party, it is not obvious who should be prime minister or whether there should be a fresh election, the sovereign alone decides, taking such advice as he or she chooses.

Somebody has to make a decision! But I can think of many people - or bodies - better equipped to arrive at a satisfactory answer than the sovereign of the day, who may or may not have the personal qualities required. Instead it could be the Speaker of the House of Commons, or it could be a standing commission. Personally I would rather entrust the task to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards than to the Queen or Prince Charles.

Likewise I am not impressed with the notion that the Monarchy is the ultimate safeguard of our democracy. This point came up only by implication in the Oxford debate. not be laughed out of court?

The argument is put clearly by Professor Vernon Bogdanor in his excellent book The Monarchy and the Constitution. He writes that at the point at which the constitution itself appears to be under threat, it may be suggested that the sovereign has the right to exercise his or her discretion to act as a constitutional guardian

I wish I could believe in this. But imagine that some future House of Commons wished to extend the life of parliaments so that general elections were held not every five years hut, say, every eight years. If such a Bill were debated, and carried through both Houses of Parliament, there is nothing in our constitutional arrangements to prevent such an undemocratic measure becoming law - except the refusal of the sovereign's assent. No royal signature, no law. But can we be sure that the royal assent would be withheld? I would not like to take the chance. A written constitution would be a much stronger safeguard.

No, it is not here that the republican arment becomes unstuck. The first point of difficulty is whether the sovereign really does or does not, in some sense, represent the nation. Professor Bogdanor argues this strongly, writing that constitutional monarchy settles beyond argument the crucial question of who is to be head of state, and it places the head of state beyond political competition. In doing so, it can represent the whole nation in an emotionally satisfying way. It alone is in a position to interpret the nation to itself. That is its central function, its essential justification and rationale; everything else is hut embellishment and detail.

For me the refutation of this point came late last summer, in the week of Princess Diana's death. The Queen did not then represent the nation in an emotionally satisfying way. She had to be chivvied along by public opinion, At least, that is what I saw.

And this view leads on to the objection that instinctively comes to the mind of most people confronted by arguments for a republic. Who on earth would make a good president for our country? Nobody can ever think of a satisfactory answer. Whatever name is put forward is poo-pooed. Never mind that many nations with parliamentary democracies (leaving out countries such the US and France with directly elected presidents exercising considerable powers) seem perfectly capable of choosing admirable presidents - Ireland, Germany, Israel to name three. The British remain deeply averse to anybody they can think of being president, whatever their qualifications. To make the point, Mr Churchill commented on the candidates for mayor of London whose names have been discussed. He said that they were precisely the sort of people who would be put forward for president. As he read out their names - Ken Livingstooe, Jeffrey Archer, Trevor Phillips, Richard Branson everybody laughed. The very ideal

Which means, I think, that those of us who would prefer a president to a monarch, are going have to start at the end of the argument, rather than at the beginning. That is what I learnt in Oxford. Instead of showing that there is no constitutional function of the sovereign which would not be better carried out in some other way, we have to concentrate on devising a method for choosing a president and on demonstrating that there are lots of suitable candidates available in a country of 55 million people. Can readers think of any names which would

## Bill is the talk of Davos - not just his troubles, but his economy



**JEREMY** WARNER EAVESDROPS ON WORLD LEADERS

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND - There could hardly be a more incredible setting than a swish Alpine ski resort, surrounded by snow clad mountains, for attempting to resolve the conflict between France and Germany over who will head Europe's new central bank. But then the World Economic Forum annual meeting held each year about this time in Davos is an unlikely sort of event.

Who's it to be - the German compromise candidate of Willem Duisenberg, a Dutchman who presently chairs the European Monetary Institute, or the prickly, no-nonsense Frenchman, Jcan-Claude Trichet, governor of the Bank uf France? Once the single currency is introduced, this position will become one of the most powerful positions in Europe. Both candidates fur the post were in town for the conference, as were a number of leading European Commissioners, including Jacque Santer and Sir Leon Brittan.

20th century,

With the crisis in Japan and

the Far East has come the final

victory. Even after the collapse

of the command economies of

the Soviet bloc, it was still pos-

sible to identify a number of dif-

ferent economic models

operating in the world. The

most potent of these was the

Asian, which in truth takes a

number of different forms in the

region despite common fea-

tures. That too now lies in tat-

ters. Japan, still struggling to

pull itself out of the economic

doldrums, is being forced to

open up her markets to fureign

competition, reform her labour

practices, restructure and lib-

happened in the Far East rep-

resents a final triumph of An-

glo-Saxon capitalism. There is

now only one correct way of do-

ing things and woe betide any

of Economics at MIT, put it

best. "This was a crisis of crony

capitalism, of sleazy govern-

ments unwilling to tolerate

Rudi Dornbusch, Professor

country that differs.

Here, then, was the making of a story. What a coup for Davos and its organisers if they could pull this off, something which so far the British presidency of Europe has failed to do! It was a valiant attempt, but one that was perhaps doomed to failure. In the end Davos confirmed its reputation as more of a talking shop and place of reconciliation than one where things actually get done. Talk has its uses, though, and much of what is discussed and debated here strikes a cord, for governments and business alike.

are the real talking points of Davos this year? Well, the Americans can't stop talking is perhaps what you might expect from a conference aimed doing and organising things, the proper rules of disclosure and

conduct husiness pretty much without restriction across national frontiers, the rolling back of government power across the world - these are the things that have come to represent the ecoshore accounts. numic evolution of the late

Is it not capitalism itself, with its free-wheeling, speculative ways, that is partly to blame for what's happened in the Far East? Even in this Alpine temple of mammon, there are some prepared to air this alternative view. One of those was Eisuke Sakakibara, Japan's vice-minister of finance for internatiunal affairs. He had a very different explanation of what's

they were pouring money into dose of schadenfreude - what's the region."

> ed Western capitalism, as much economic model. His remarks social spin on the consequences of globalisation and the spread

of the American model: "The US is hailed as the great model. Our prosperity is unmatched, the dollar is strong, our budget balanced. Unemployment and inflation are down and profits are up. At the same time, one-in-four children is born in poverty. One-in-five workers goes without health insurance. The blessings of prosperity have been largely captured by the few. ... If this global economy cannot be made to work for working peo-

may make the 20th century seem tranquil by comparison". Alarmist rhetoric, perhaps, but after the collapse of the Par East, nobody disagrees too much with the need to make markets work in a more efficient and equitable fashion. Even George Soros, the world's most famous speculator, bemoans the fact that the pain of correction in the Far East falls on its workers and ordinary people, not the politicians and financiers who created the mess.

Larry Summers, the US

ple, it will reap a reaction that

Deputy Treasury Secretary, gets to the heart of the matter when he says that "markets only function within a framework of transparency and laws that allow investors and business to make an informed judgement of risk. The answer to crises like those of the Far East cannot be evercascading amounts of finance into putting out the fire. We have to think about international policies to control these risks."

But Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, is glorying in America's superiority over Europe. "Our free markets have created more private-sector jobs in the US in the last two months than you in Europe have in the past 10 years," he told a despondent-looking Frenchman. And as Europe speeds down the road to monetary union, Continental polincians too now talk the language of the American model.

But it wasn't so many years ago that the US suffered its own banking paralysis - the "savings and loans" crisis, Poor levels of supervision and disclosure led to had and sometimes fraudulent lending on a massive scale. Since then the US has rehuilt its market system with the emphasis on full transparency and firm regulatioo in financial markets. Thus reformed, the American model seems to be delivering employment and prosperity as never before.

Asia makes it imperative that this approach is applied in emerging markets, too. There has been general consensus among speakers at Davos that international institutions and reporting structures need to be strengthened, both to act as an early warning system and to ensure adequate supervision on a global scale. And consensus here means this is what we will see happening everywhere over the next year.



In a triumphal mood: Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the US House of Representatives

Photograph: Reuters

eralise. Meanwhile the collapsed economies of the Pacific Rim are being required by the International Monetary Fund to undertake a massive and devastatingly painful programme of them along Western lines. Behind the headlines, what From speaker after speaker at Davos, there is a strong

about Bill Clinton's sexual woes, hut others have another aspect of the US on their minds - the triumph of the American economic model. This opinion specifically at business leaders: but it is also the reality. The triumph of the American way of freeing up of companies to independent regulation. This is a crisis of very, very bad government. These are countries that know everyone's shoe size but won't tell you how much money they've got lying in off-

But is all this entirely fair?

happened in the Far East. This is not a specifically Asian crisis, he said, but one of global capitalism. "What caused it was a huge inflow of speculative western capital. There was reckless borrowing, yes, but equally there was reckless lending. ... Everyone talks about the structural problems of these economies now, the chaebols of Korea, crony capitalism and the like, but actually they have reform so as to restructure known about them for years. Nobody complained about these structural problems when

> In other words, what the crisis in the Far East has done is expose the speculative weaknesses of unbridled, unregulatas the drawbacks of the Asian were mirrored by John Sweeney, America's leading trade unionists, who put his own,

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#### New Labour needs to ally itself with middlebrow culture in the funds spent directly on task in fighting for more public



DONALD MACINTYRE ON THE PEOPLE'S ART

Ti may seem surprising that the Department for Education brought in stars from Brookside to plug National Reading Year. if parents did not watch so many soaps, their children might read more. But then nothing is more powerful than television. When Oprah Winfrey plugged one of Torri Morrison's books, it famously shot up the best-seller list. And since we have no Oprah the help of Brookside, which will henceforth feature more on reading in its storylines, should oot be sneered at Launching the scheme - which gives every school £1,000 for beats - the education minister Stephen Byers pointed out that education did not operate in a vacuum and needed "wider support". And then he went on to say that reading was part of what made us a more "unified and cohesive society".

He is right, of course. It is hard to imagine anything more socially excluding than an mability to read, which is one reason why the scheme is so admirable. But our expecations from reading should not stop at universal literacy, vital as that is. What, as well as whether, we read, matters too. Last year Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector of Schools, made some interesting remarks about low cultural expectations. He expressed some dismay that The Lord of the Rings had been found, in a survey by Waterstones, to be the favourite book of the century. Woodhead was not trying to say that every pupil should be made to read Proust, but rather that there is more to 20th century literature than the escapist fantasy world created by Tolkein. He could, but he didn't, have gone on to bemoan the increasing apartheid between fiction for the masses and, that bewildering construct of the late 20th

century, the "literary novel". Today's division is all too often between the fashionable and sometimes maccessible fiction which wins the big prizes on the one hand and Barbara Taylor Bradford and Jeffrey Archer on the other. But was Dickens a literary novelist in today's sense? Was Graham Greene? And what about JB Priestley or even Somerset Maugham? Or George Or- a post-industrial society. This is well? It may be that what has an important, current, subject, straints, he has an especially hard

happened is the sad decline of with a very high recognition facmiddlebrow, not at all the same thing as mediocre - though it is a term which is sometimes used as if it were.

But if you doubt that middlebrow or if you prefer it, everybrow, flourishes, then consider the biggest cultural event of last year, the spectacular success of the film The Full Monty. It makes a point which a lot of people who talk, mainly in relation to television, about dumbing down - those who rail against it as well as those who who say bleakly that there is no

tor for large sections of the enormous audiences that have queued to see it not just here, but even more remarkably in the United States. What is special about The

Full Monty is not just that it was made in Britain but what it says about Britain. And what is just as interesting about it is that it utterly defies cultural categories. It isn't lowbrow or dumbed down; but it isn't élitist either. If Gordon Brown's commendable interest in helping the British film industry pro-

spending. On the one hand, he has an especially stroppy client group who vie with each other to make the most high flown attacks on the perceived philistinism of the Government for being mean about the arts. To make it worse, he has thrown in his face at every meeting, and at every awards ceremony he is obliged to attend with the great and good of the arts world, the accusation that the Dome is gobbling up over £465m of lottery money which could otherwise be distributed to the performing

'The Full Monty' utterly defies cultural categories. It isn't lowbrow or dumbed down, but it isn't elitist either.

alternative to it - miss: that artistic brilliance and a mass audience are wholly compatible. If you read most of what has been written about The Full Monty - or listened to what Jane Asher said about it when it won yet another prize, at the Evening Standard awards ceremony hroadcast on Sunday night - you'd think it was a slight but cheeky little film about male striptease. It isn't. Among other things it's about how people cope with the deranging effects of economic change in

duces more work like this, all power to him.

Which brings us to the main point: of course, the popularity of The Full Monty has, first of all, powerful implications for those who make and commission television programmes. But it may also mean something for publie policy. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, is one of the more upwardly mobile members of the Cabinet, having recently been appointed to the A-team making the case for welfare reform. But in the harsh world of New Labour's budgetary con-

and plastic arts. (In naked, selfserving public relations terms, it seems worth, even at this late stage, the Government trying to save Greenwich Theatre, due to close in the rapidly expanding shadow of the Dome.) On the other hand, his is a natural Cinderella among budgets.

He has however one advantage which some other spending ministers do not have. At least part of the wider cultural budget ought to be considered in the light of Tony Blair's commitment to education. National Reading Year sits uneasily with a steady reduction

economic good, because it was a labour intensive industry that expanded tourism and increased national prestige. That isn't irrelevant in the 1990s, but it is perhaps of not as much clout as its potential, in the widest sense. to educate. At the most banal, would it really be so philistine to tie some theatre subsidy more closely to the management's willingness to perform texts studied at GCSE or A-level - or to tour regularly in some of the most culturally deserted parts of the country? Or that film subsidy shouldn't also be geared in part to stimulate reading -

lobby itself.

"one of those ties" as Byers put it "that bind us together as a unified and cohesive society." Ask not only what the Government can do for the arts; ask also what the arts can do for a less dividJohn Wilfrid Hinde, photographer: born Street, Somerset 17 May 1916; FRPS 1943; married 1952 Antonia Falnoga (three sons, two daughters); died Brive en Galard, France 26 December

John Hinde was one of the pioneers of colour photography in England and a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society before he was 30 years old. He also founded a picture postcard empire which, when he sold it in 1972, could boast 50 million sales world-wide. These two achievements involved him, if double aesthetic: the one a new and sensitive naturalism in printing and reproducing colour, the other a surreal intensification of colour - "that extra oomph" which, he said, made postcards attractive.

He was born into a Quaker (later Christian Scientist) family, a great-grandson of James Clark who, with his brother Cvrus, founded Clark's Shoes. As a child, he contracted an illness which left him partially disahted, but he was fascinated by photography and already experimenting with colour pho-

After being apprenticed to the family firm, and articled to a Bristol architect, J. Ralph Edwards, Hinde went to study colour photographic printing at the Reimann School in London with Frank Newens, a leader in colour printing in England at

own photographic studio in London, learnt more about colour photography and its reproduction in Germany, and in 1941, began to work for Adprint, a firm of "publisher's producers" who were Jewish refugees, mostly from Austria. Before the Second World War. heautifully illustrated books had been produced in Austria, whereas in England colour reproduction was in its infancy.

for Adprint, he photographed for "Britain in Pictures", a series published by William Collins, and another called 'The Garden in Colour" by TC. Mansfield. In Roses in Colour not in a double life, then in a and Cultivation (1943), Mansfield described Hinde's problems and patience photographing fractious and intractable roses under studio lights, when "buds would open; petals would fall; stamens would wither". It was his infinitely patient attention to detail, to the importance of getting the photograph exactly right, as well as his mastery of photographic technique, which were the hallmarks of Hinde's work throughout his career. Mansfield also emphasised that they had not in any way exaggerated or intensified colours, something which was to be the tographs while he was at school, very opposite of Hinde's later aesthetic in postcards to appeal to a mass audience.

In the 1940s, Hinde wanted music hadly played. to make perfect colour photographs. It was a laborious process; there were no laboratories, and it took a day and a half to make a print with the show the sensitivity he could that time. In 1939, he set up his three-colour carbro process. hring to colour reproduction.

While Hinde was working

"That extra comph': City of London Policeman - postcard from the John Hinde Studios with the colour 'turned up'

But the production of the colour photograph was only the start: its reproduction was equally important. He persuaded Adprint to allow him to supervise the making of the printing blocks and to be present with the printer, when he set up his machines, feeling that printers and blockmakers had no idea how to handle colour photographs, and that colour reproductions were, all too often, like a piece of

Citizens in War and After (1945), Exmoor Village (1947) and British Circus Life (1948)

Even The Small Canteen (1947), port, printing them at the outin which he photographed a pink-and-white-striped shape rising from a pastel necklace of stewed apples, dried apricots and prunes, is a little gem.

From 1949, John Hinde's life took another turn: having jointly written and photographed British Circus Life (1948), he worked promoting Chipperfield's and Bertram Mills' circuses, where he mer his wife, Antonia. known as Jutta, a trapeze artist, and briefly had his own travelling show.

In 1957, changing direction yet again, he sold his first six views of Ireland at Shannon air-

pond, floating beyond a fuchsia hedge, offer holiday happiness set with a modified Rotaprint office duplicating machine. So with the colour "turned up". began John Hinde Ltd, a post-

In 1994, the Irish Museum of Modern Art toured an exhibition of Hinde's work, "Hindesight", to the Royal Photographic Society in Bath. But his earlier work, even though displayed in these hallowed halls, has been forever eclipsed by the 50 million postcards, and it is probably as an ancestral voice to the work of Martin Parr, whose photographs are in a sense an extended ironic commentary on the vivid, holiday genre, that Hinde's style will be remembered.

- Jacqueline Sarsby

work at Darfield Main Colliery

in 1922, two days after his 14th

birthday. He understood the

value of technical knowhow in

the mining industry and worked

In the mid-1930s, he became

to improve himself on and off at

an active member of the Branch

Committee of the National

Union of Mineworkers, and in

1939 started his 20-year expe-

rience as a local councillor - his

knowledge of local government

warded with the Dearne Valley

seat. His main political contri-

bution - and it was a very con-

siderable one - was as Secretary

of the Trade Union Group of

the Parliamentary Labour Par-

n; for 17 years, 1966-83, when

he was also Secretary of the

Yorkshire Group. This was an

era when both groups mattered

Wainwright gained a repu-

tation for being fond of beer and

the Commons har. It was not unfair. However, from my per-

sonal experience, whatever had

happened the night before Ed-

die Wainwright was fresh as a

daisy at Sam in the Commons

the following morning. His col-

leagues chuckled that he was

never ever the worse for wear

either in his constituency or in

the presence of his heloved

was a tower of strength both to

- Tom Dolyell

him and to the Labour Party.

far more than they do today.

Barnsley Technical College.

## **Brendan Gill**

Brendan Gill, journalist: born Hartford, Connecticut 4 October 1914; staff writer, New Yorker 1936-97; married 1936 Anne Barnard (two sons, five dauginters); died New York 27 December 1997.

Brendan Gill was associated with the New Yorker virtually from its inception.

Born and raised in comfortable circumstances to Irish-Catholic parents in Connecticut, Gill attended Yale University, where he first displayed the traits of a truly social animal, immune to the ethnic prejudice that lingered. He was so popular, in fact, that he was "tapped" for Skull and Bones, the grandest of Yale's "Secret Societies" which are hush-hush undergraduate versions of the grander clubs on St James's. Leaving university, Gill began contributing short stories to the fledgling New Yorker and soon, at the ripe age of 22, became a staff writer, a position he held for over 61 years.

Now in many ways indistinguishable from its commercial competitors, the New Yorker was once home for America's finest writing talents. The writers involved were maverick and highly individual; there was little commonality of character between, say, E.B. White, James Thurber, and Dorothy Parker. Yet the diversity of the magazine's contents - "Talk of the



Town" reports, extraordinarily long profiles, short stories, arts reviews, poetry, even racing and golf reports - none the less projected a unified impression of urbanity, wit, and grace, magnified by its origination in what was then America's hub of cosmopolitan values, New York.

Gill's early efforts for the port stories but he rapidly found his true metier as a non-fiction writer, contributing profiles, book reviews. and countless "Talk of the Town" pieces - the latter, in a pre-byline era, inevitably anonymous. He particularly excelled as a rewrite man, and gave a consistency in tone to the "Talk" pieces which greatly contributed to the magazine's editorial voice.

His interests were predominantly social and architectural (and often a productive blend of both) and were both firmly rooted in the city of New York. A fierce defender of Gotham's heritage, he took a high-profile

part in defending its landmarks. and most memorably helped Jacqueline Onassis lead a successful fight to preserve Grand Central Station. Of Gill's several biographies,

perhaps the best is Many Masks (1987), his life of Frank Lloyd Wright, with whom he established a close friendship, despite the manifest contrast between the awkward midwestern visionary and the suave Easterner author. His more social side is seen in Tallulah (1972), his biography of Tallulah Bankhead, which, like its subject, is slight but entertaining, and in Cole (1971), the life of the musical composer Cole Porter, whose vitality was perfectly matched by the compulsive conviviality of his chronider. A life of Charles Lindbergh. Lindbergh. Alone (1977), is duller, but proved a best-seller.

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Of Gill's 15 books, few remain in print, and unsurprisingly it is Here at the New Yorker (1975) for which he will be best remembered - as well as for the length of his association with th' magazine, since, uniquely, he worked under all four of its editors. Gill's history of the magazine was enormously successful and remains a marvellous read, full of anecdote and often brilliant pen portraits of the many artists and writers (some flaky, some not; all talented) who graced 25 West 43rd Street.

The book was not without its detractors, however, who found in Gill's bouncy account a smug self-satisfaction that grated and struck them as undeserved. Some of his views of New Yorker colleagues seemed patronising, and inappropriately so. Lamenting John O'Hara's social insecurity (apparently exacerbated by his fellow Catholic's manifest social success), Gill seems unable to recognise O'Hara's considerable gifts as a novelist, perhaps out of his own well-suppressed jealousy. More damaging was his treatment of the New Yorker's founder Harold Ross:

Ross was an aggressively ignorant man, with a head full of odd scraps of information and misinformation and with little experience of the ar-duous discipline of taking thought ... He was rumoured to have read only one book all the way through a stout volume on sociology by Her-bert Spencer, The truth was that be had read other books, but not many.

This completely ignores the fact that only Ross's perseverance and eye for talent established the m cultural nonparell. As Ross's biographer Thomas Kunkel makes clear in Genius in Diguise (1995), few members of the magazine's staff were fooled by Ross's playing the fool - except, ostensibly, Brendan Gill.

But it is hard to take lasting offence at a man always ready to mock his own mild selfconceit as well as make fun of others: "Even when I am caught out and made a fool of," he once confessed, "I manage to twist this circumstance about until it becomes a proof of how exceptional I am."

-- Andrew Rosenheim

Harold Robeson, inventor, 77. His Buddhist-inspired movedied Atlanta, Georgia 27 January, aged 72. Developed an

wife of 60 years, Dorothy, who anti-theft device which sprays red dye on bank robbers. Ho Ming-teh, engineer, died Chiayi, Taiwan 1 February, aged

ment built more than 200 bridges in remote areas of Taiwan. S.P. Leary, drummer, died Chicago 26 January, aged 67. Blues drummer with Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters.

## **lonicus**

Joshua Charles Armitage ("lonicus"), artist and cartoonist; born Hoylake Cheshire 29 September 1913; married 1939 Catherine Buckle (died 1988; two daughters); died Hoylake, Merseyside 29 January 1998.

J. C. Armitage ("Ionicus") was one of the few remaining "realistic" artist-cartoonists. His beautifully crafted and detailed drawings appeared in Punch for 40 years and contrasted sharply with the Over-simplified sty a newer generation.

Armitage was born and died in Hoylake, Merseyside. After attending Liverpool School of Art, he taught at the Wallesey School of Art, before volunteering for the Royal Navy in 1940. Although pronounced colour-hlind by a service medical (a strange diagnosis in view of his subsequent success with the palette), he spent some time in minesweepers before becoming a naval gunnery instructor in Liverpool.

He was a small, elfin-like, unassuming man, albeit with a permanent twinkle in his eye. When his first cartoon appeared in Punch, on 29 March 1944, he wanted a nom de plume to distinguish his light-hearted work from his more serious oil painting; because the cartoon contained a couple of ionic columns he plumped for "lonicus". The name emphasised his key interest in things architectural, as evinced by his skill in depicting dren's hooks, and produced



toons are somewhere between Acanthus, who also drew architecture, and the political cartoonist Norman Mansbridge.

In all he contributed 358 drawings - illustrations and title decorations as well as cartoons - right up to 1984. He also drew a final cover for the new Punch in 1996, which showed Mr Punch, the "new" arrival, at a railway station. He was a prolific illustrator of chil-

urban hackgrounds. His car- many colour covers for the local Dalesman, as well as 50 covers for the P.G. Wodehouse paperhacks published by Penguin,

His main hobby was golf, and his illustrations for Peter Dobereiner's final, posthumous book. Well, I'll Be Deemed (1996). were serialised in the Independeru on Sunday. After a lifetime membership of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, he hung up his clubs at Christmas. - David Langdon

1946; Boris Karloff (William Henry

## **Edwin Wainwright**

Edwin Wainwright, miner and politician: born Wombwell. South Yorkshire 12 August 1908; BEM 1957; MP (Labour) for Dearne Valley 1959-83; Secretary, Parliamentary Labour Party Trade Union Group 1966-83; married 1938 Dorothy Metcalle (two sons, two daughters); died Wombwell 22 January 1998.

There is no better way for a young Member of Parliament, taken part. I remember Erroll. newly arrived in the House of not only a cahinet minister but House of Commons committees. Commons, to get to know its colleagues than serving with them on an interesting Standing Committee on a House of Commons Bill. In the spring of 1964, Eddie Wainwright and I served on the committee stage of the first Continental Shelf Bill, which was to do with a little gas which had been found in the North Sea and some uncertain North Sea oil prospects.

Wainwright was an extremely effective member of the committee - which included the then Minister of Fuel and Power, Freddy Erroll, the expert Col C.G. Lancaster, Angus Maude, Norman Pentland, John Payton, Jim Prior, Sir Frank Soskice, later Home Secretary, and William Whitelaw, It was a measure of the homework that he did in those days and his deep interest in all matters to do with fuel and power that Wainwright succeeded in cutting ice on the committee stage. He anticipated many of the future problems: Wainwright: effective

We must appreciate that the developers will not be searching for oil for the benefit of the nation alone. Obviously they will have the interests of their shareholders and owners at heart. The question therefore, of who is to receive the benefit is very important. We must also bear in mind that the developers, by virtue of the risks which they take in finding oil. must receive some reward for taking

card empire, which established

his name from County Galway

to Blackpool, from Butlin's Fi-

ley to Bognor Regis, and from

postcards are fashionably re-

nowned as "constructed" photo-

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sets or Mediterranean skies,

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could turn Torquay into a sun-

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Among photographers, the

London to the Canaries.

In those civilised days, at the conclusion of the Bill, the minister had a drinks party for colleagues of all parties who had was often of great assistance in thanking Wainwright most charmingly for his many intervendors from which said Erroll. he had learnt a lot. Those were days when ministers would listen seriously to those who had first-hand experience of industry, albeit they might not share their general political view. Edwin Wainwright was born



## LAW REPORT: 3 FEBRUARY 1998

## Society can set off campaigning costs for VAT

The costs of campaigning incurred by a society promoting field sports on behalf of subscribing members were incurred in the course of its business for the purposes of valued added

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v British Field Sports Society. Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Hutchison and Lord Justice Mummery) 30 January

The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against the decision of Mr Justice Hidden, upholding the decision of the Value Added Tax Tribunal in favour of the British Field Sports Society on its appeal against value added tax assessments. David Milne QC and Aparna Nathan

(Enights, Tumbridge Wells) for the

British Field Sports Society; Nigel

Pleming QC and Robert Jay (Solicia s well as other insurance 47(2)(a) of the Act. It was still tor, HM Customs and Excise) for the

Lord Justice Beldam said that the society had been formed with a view to protecting the rights of its members to carry on field sports. In order to counteract the recent increase in attacks upon the right to carry on field sports, the society had decided to make a substantial increase in its use of outside consultants in public relations, research, campaigning, printing and in supplying the media with information.

Until 1990 the society had been treated as outside the vices in public relations, printscope of VAT, not heing a husiness as defined in section 47 of the Value Added Tax Act was not attributable to the fa-1983. In 1990 the society had cilities or advantages available begun to offer members substantial legal liability insur- thus, incurred in the course of

cover, free copies of its newspaper and a free country sports directory.

From 1990 onwards the society had been required to account for VAT on its subscription income at the standard rate; that proportion of the subscription attributable to insurance was allowed as an exempt supply, and the part attributable to the provision of literature as a zero-rated supply. In April 1993, however, the

Commissioners had sought to deny the society the right to set off input tax by ruling that the tax it incurred in providing its members with professional sering, publishing, lobbying and its other campaigning activities to its members and was not,

required to account for VAT on subscriptions as it was providing facilities and advantages to its members, and was thus appeal to the Tribunal.

The Commissioners argued that acting as a collective voice, campaigning on behalf of members, even furthering the interests of members by such campaigning could not, without more, be the provision of memhers. The society contended that its campaigning services provided clearly identifiable benefits to members who could not, individually, provide them effectively. It argued further that output tax and input tax must be treated ance and a free legal help line, a husiness within section consistently, and that the Com-

missioners were seeking to treat them inconsistently.

The scope of the phrase "facilities or advantages" in section 47 of the Act was very wide deemed to be carrying on a and it was therefore permissibusiness within the meaning of ble to resort to the meanings section 47(2)(a) of the Act. which would ordinarily be giv-That was the ruling which had en to the words. "Facilities" regiven rise to the society's ferred to the means, resources or conveniences which made it easier to achieve a purpose, and "advantages" meant the benefit or gain, usually of something not previously enjoyed or available. On that basis the conclusion of the Tribunal was entirely justifiable. The society, in a facility or advantage to those return for the subscription. provided members with the lacility or advantage of putting forward a collective view in a professional way, using the means which in modern conditions were essential if public opinion was to be effectively

influenced. – Kate O'Hanion, Barristel

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princess Royal, member of the In-ternational Olympic Committee and President of the British Olympic Association, attends the 107th International Olympic Committee meeting followed by the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. The Duke of Kent, President, Edearel Foundation, attends the Student of the Year ceremony, at Orapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2; and as Patron. Avenue, London Ecc., and as a con-cert celebrating the 50th birthday of the Principal, Mr Gavin Henderson. at Sl John's Smith Square, London SW1.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Reg-iment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 1 Iam.

## Birthdays

Miss Maev Alexander, actress, 50; Mr George Allan, former Headmaster, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, 62: Sir Anthony Alment, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 76; Miss Gillian Ayres, painter, 68; Mr Shelley Berman, comedian, 72; Mr Michael Dickinson, racehorse trainer, 48; Mr Val Doonican, singer, 69: The Earl of Antrim, former Keeper of Conservation, Tate Gallery, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, former Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. 73; Mr Gavin Henderson, Principal, Trinny College of Music, 50; Sir Edgar Keatinge, former MP. 93; Mr Jeremy Kemp, actor, 63; Baroness O'Cathain, former managing director, Barbican Centre, 60; Miss Elaine Padmore, Director, Royal Danish Opera, 51; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, former Director, WRAC, 82; Mr Robert Simpson, cricketer and manager, 62; Mr Glen Telley, ballet choreographer, 72, Mr Frankie Vaughan, singer, 70; Mr Alan Waison, chairman, Corporate Television

#### **Anniversaries**

Births: Johann Georg Albrechts-berger, composer, 1736; Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman medical practitioner, 1821; Walter Bagehot, economist, author and journalist 1826; Gertrude Stein, author and critic, 1874; Priaulx Rainier, composer, 1903. Deaths: Richard "Beau" Nash eambler and dandy, 1762; George Crabbe, poet, 1832; Edward Charles Pickering, astronomer, 1919; John Lane, publisher, 1925; Edward Phillips Oppenheim, thriller-writer,

Pratt), actor, 1969. On this day: Greece was declared to be independent under the protection of France Russia and Britain, 1830; in New Zealand, the cities of Napier and Hastings were almost destroyed in an earthquake when 256 people were killed, 1931; Berlin was bombed in daylight by the Allies using over 1,000 aircraft, 1945; Harold Macmillan, as Prime Minister, made his "Wind of Change" speech in Cape Town, 1960; the Soviet spacecraft Luma 9 reached the Moon, sending back television pictures, 1966. Today is the Feast Day of St Anskar, St Blaise. St Ia the Virgin, St Laurence of Canterbury, St Laurence of Spoleto, St Margaret "of England" and St Werburga.

#### Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: Si-

mone Matthew, "Interior Design and Furniture in London's Palaces and Town Houses", 2.30pm. British Museum: Ralph Jackson "The New Stanway Find and Medi-cine in Roman Britain", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Allgeia Cox. "Samuel Pepys and Lord Sandwich", 1.10pm. Gresham College (Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1): Professor Susan Greenfield, "Windows on the Mind:

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# Footsie joins global share surge to hit fresh heights

A surge in share prices rippled across the time zones from Hong Kong to New York yesterday. The reason was a heady combination of merger mania, optimism about interest rates and the first ray of hope on Asia's economic prospects. Diane Coyle in London and Stephen Vines

Share prices leapt around the globe, thanks to the news of the huge pharmaceuticals merger between Glavo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham and confidence in the financial markets that US, German and UK

in Hong Kong followed

the action.

interest rates are unlikely to rise this week. In London the FTSE-100 index ended 141 points higher at a record of 5,599, equivalent to a £24bn increase in the value of shares. It was the fourth new high on the trot, although tantalisingly below the 5,600 barrier it had

breached earlier in the day. Shares in drugs companies, along with Hong Kong-related stocks such as HSBC and Standard Chartered, made the biggest leaps. Analysts reckoned the pharmaceuticals industry would now see further hids and mergers.

"What we have is merger mania," said Trevor Greetham, a strategist at Merrill Lynch. The Paris and Frankfurt bourses also beat their previous records yesterday.

Soon after trading started on Wall Street the Dow Jones index soared back past the 8,000 level, while the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed briefly above 1,000 for the first time. By late morning the Dow was 147 points up at 8,053.23,

Asian markets had earlier set the buoyant tone on the first trading day of the Chinese Year of the Tiger. Hong Kong led the pack, on the day known traditionally as "the red opening", with a spectacular 14 per cent gain in share prices.

It was the third highest percentage rise ever and the second highest points increase, taking the Hang Seng Index up 1,326 points to 10,578.6. Volumes traded were also far higher than in recent weeks.

After this start, it was easy for optimism about the economy and interest rates to take huld in the markets. Although the Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the Bundeshank all hold key meetings this week, none is expected to increase the cost of borrowing. boosted by a survey suggesting that growth in manufacturing fell back last month to its lowest since August. The survey, by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, showed that export orders and employment were down in Janu-

kept output rising. The activity index fell from 52.7 in December to 51.3 expanding, but barely, "Industry needs a further tightening in monetary policy like a hole in the head," said Jonathan Laynes, an economist at HSBC Markets.

ary, although domestic orders

Despite the economic slowdown, many analysts remain optimistic about prospects for corporate profits, and hence share prices, this year. Boh Semple at NatWest Markets said: "What the Glaxo deal is telling us is that the pressure will not be on profit margins so much as people finding themselves out on the street without a jub."

Separately, the Halifax said house prices had risen 0.6 per cent in January, or 5.8 per cent year-nn-year. Although last month's increase took them to the highest since the 1989 boom, the Halifax predicted "moder-

ate" house price growth this year. In the US, Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, signalled no move on rates there for the time being. Although the economy is

In the UK this optimism was booming, there are only tentative signs of inflationary pressure. Investors are now hoping

that the momentum will continue, putting an end to the volatility in global stock markets. Richard Win, the managing

director of the stockbrokers United Mok Ying Kie, said yesterday's rise was attributable to better regional prospects, particularly in Indonesia and Korea. However, Nikko Securities in Hung Kong warned that the current reporting season would produce some unpleasant news as a result of the high interest rates in the fourth quarter of last year. "We are not calling this a turning-point," said the brokerage.

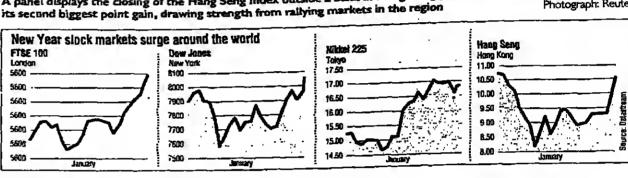
A notable feature of vesterday's trading was the highprofile participation of overseas fund managers. This was particularly true in Singapure, where shares climbed more than 10 per cent. Bangkok was up 11 per cent and Jakarta lowed almost a similar rise.

In Tokyo the Nikkei 225 made more modest progress, ending 148 points higher at 16,776.82.

The Korean stock market, however, was down almost 5 per cent yesterday. But the fall was due to profit-taking in the wake of the impressive 56 per cent rise in stock prices since the beginning of 1998.



A panel displays the closing of the Hang Seng Index outside a bank in Hong Kong yesterday. The index rocketed to Photograph: Reuter



## Drug shares soar as takeover fever grips sector

Shares in pharmaceutical companies soared yesterday as the stock market responded to the planned mega-merger between Glaxo and SmithKline Beecham. The entire drugs sector was gripped by takeover fever as traders speculated on who else imight feel the urge to

But while analysts applauded the deal some fund managers are not so sure. Nigel Cope and Andrew Yates report.

Glaxo was the major beneficiary of the market's new "drugs high" with its shares rocketing by 20.7 per cent to 1983p The surge added £12bn to the company's market value while SmithKline's shares rose by more than 8 per ent, increasing its value by £3.6bn. At these levels a combined Glaxo-SmithKline would

be worth £117ba. Shares in Zeneca were dragged higher in the frenzy, rising by almost 10 per cent as analysis suggested it may now be prompted to seek a deal. Zeneca will be touted as a bid candidate though the management are likely to be against it," said Valerie Lee at Panmure Gordon. "And we would expect to see

consolidation in the US market." Analysts suggest the most likely groups to seek a deal are Merck of the US and American Home Products, which was in talks with SmithKline itself until Friday night when it was abandoned by SmithKline in favour of a Glasso deal.

But while analysts praised the proposed merger, some institutional shareholders were more critical. One senior fund manager said: "I can't help but think that the whole thing is somewhat overcooked. Is it really conceivable that Sir Richard Sykes [Glaxo's chairman] and Jan Leschly [SmithKline's chief executive] will work so well together? It looks like a blueprint for tension at some stage."

The fund manager also questioned the scope for potential only recently completed major cuts following its merger with Wellcome in 1995. "Are these companies really so inefficient that they will be able to make fiha-plus savings?"

for the group's management, These would run into millions of

there are likely to be huge pay SmithKline, which has a reputation for lavish payments.

total of £1.1m in 1996, compared with Jan Leschly's £2.1m. As Sir Richard will be executive chairman of the new group and Mr Leschly its chief executive, the Glaxo man is likely to expect equal pay. He will need at least to double his salary to take him ahead of SmithKline's Dr Jean Pierre-Garnier, who will be one of the merged group's executive directors. He earned £1.96m

Another institutional investor. questioned the potential windfalls depending on how the deal is structured. If a "newco" is formed to take over both companies it could trigger share option payments on both sides.

increases for the Glaxo executives, who earn significantly less than their counterparts at

## Government to put £123m into Airbus despite Treasury opposition

The Department of Trade and seen by some as a government Industry yesterday scored a major victory against the Treasury after the Government unveiled plans to invest £123m in a new generation of Airbus Industrie aircraft in a move that could guarantee 27,000 UK jobs.

The move, which was strongly opposed by Treasury officials on the grounds the project could be self-financed, was attempt to send the right political signals to Europe.

dent of the Board of Trade, said the cash to Airbus, which is 20 per cent owned by British Aerospace, was given as part of a new relationship with industry. The money would secure more than 2,000 jobs at BAe and underpin the security of a

further 25,000 jobs at its suppliers, she said. Mrs Beckett explained:

Margaret Beckett, Presi-The agreement with BAe con-

The money, which follows a £200m aid nackage to Rolls-

Mr Garrett strenuously denies.

launching a management buy

out for the leisure division which

includes the Mecca bingo chain.

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Rank's shares rose 12.25p to

- Andrew Yates

and General Foods.

Mr Johnsson, who joined

estate and 51 night clubs.

Mr Garrett is considering

Royce to develop Trent engines for the project, will be used as launch aid in the development of two new aircraft, the longrange A340-500 and the 380 seater A340-600. These would

tinues the Government's drive to create a new partnership becompete with the US huilt tween government and industry. The investment by the Government is repayable and sions of the 747. will be on a commercial hasis."

Sir Richard Evans, BAc chief executive, said the cash injection was "excellent news for

Britain, for Airbus and for the 25,000 or so workers across the UK who are involved with this great European project." He added: "The government

Boeing 777 and the smaller ver-

These comments reinforced the views of the Treasury and

public funding. Arabella Grant, aerospace analyst with stockbroker Panmure Gordon, said: "Airbus would have gone ahead with this anyway. But the Govemment should neither win nor lose because it's a guaranteed long-term investment."

others that the project would

have proceeded regardless of

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## Gravy train rolls on as two bosses share £1.2m pay-off

cost-cutting, given that Glaxo has Further evidence emerged yesterday that the City gravy train is still steaming ahead after two top executives received pay-offs totalling £1.2m.

John Garrett, head of Rank's leisure division, is in line for a £500,000 pay-off after resigning yesterday following a boardroom bust-up with Andrew Teare, the group's chief executive. Finn Johnsson, former head of United Distillers, the spirits business of Guinness. has become the latest casualty of the drinks group's megamerger with Grand Metropol-

itan. He will receive £800,000. If the merger goes ahead Rank admitted yesterday that Mr Garrett had left the group following a disagreement with Andrew Teare. Mr Garrett said: "It was a question of strategy. I did not believe in some of the things that Rank Sir Richard Sykes was paid a was doing and the direction the

company was moving." "As a shareholder I am concerned about Rank's performance and dissatisfied with the share price," he added.

ment further about his disagreements with the board. However, City observers believe that he became increasingly concerned that Mr Teare's investment strategy was mis-Outlook, page 25 guided and plans to revitalise Teare's appointment two years ago, Mr Garrett had been seen former chief executive.

boardroom hattle. The idea that this was a boardroom coup as I know no other senior manproperty and rejected strict targets for a 15 per cent return claims that Mr Garrett was unhappy with the amount of in-

Mr Garrett declined to com-

the Butlin's brand were doomed to fail, Before Andrew as front-runner to replace Michael Gifford, the group's

Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of Rank, said he had backed Andrew Teare in the is a load of codswallop. As far agement are about to leave." Sir Denys claimed that Mr Garrett was against Rank's plans to sale and lease back some of its on new investment. Rank also

vestment made available to

Finn Johnsson: Merger casualty to get £800,000

## Lloyd's policy against the leisure husiness, a fact that

rogue traders

The recent spate of heavy trading losses suffered by investment banks at the hand of rogue traders could soon be a thing of the past. Banks can now insure themselves against would-be Nick Leesons thanks Guinness in 1994 from Euroc, the to a policy designed by SVB, a syndicate of Llovd's of London.

A "large New York based financial institution" yesterday became the first bank to buy SVB's "rogue trader" policy, and the syndicate expects more banks to follow suit in the coming months.

"There's been a tremendous interest", said Rupert Villers of SVB, who reckons the syndicate has made about 30 quotes since the policy's inception last October. SVB has handled queries from banks m Japan, Switzerland, the USA, Scandinavia, Holland and the

But be warned, the cost of protecting your bank from a rogue trader is far from negligible. A bank wanting to insure itself against losses of \$300m (£190m) would be luoking an annual premium of several million dollars, depending on SVB's assessment of its management controls, according to Mr Villers.

SVB said its policy, which was inspired by the antics of Mr Leeson, "provides cover for a loss sustained by a bank as a result of trading which has been concealed by the trader or falsely recorded in the institution's records. The cover extends to commitments in excess of permitted limits, trading in unauthorised instruments and trading with unapproved counterparties".

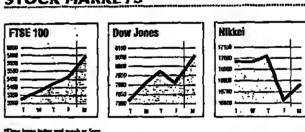
But although SVB insures against dishonesty, it does not cover incompetence.

Mr Villers said yesterday The City was pleased Mr he expected further sales of the policy this month: "The new product has been targeted at quality institutions with a sound internal control environment." - Lea Paterson

is investing in success, given that the A340-500/600 has attracted 100 commitments worth \$13ba from major aidines including Virgin, Air Canada and Egypt Air."

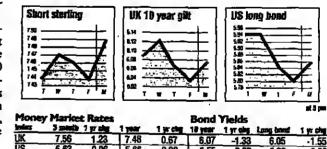
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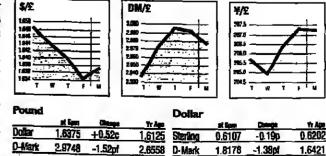
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## Barclays takes £688m hit from BZW sell-off

Barclays yesterday revealed it would suffer a £688m hit following last year's decision to sell parts of BZW, its investment

banking arm. Following City pressure to spell out the financial implications of the deal, the bank said its 1997 figures, due for release on 17 February, would include a £340m restructuring charge and a £129m goodwill charge. To the City's surprise, Barclays also revealed the businesses marily due to "uncertainty surmade an operating loss of rounding their future and employees will also benefit from a separate profit pool.

the bank said yesterday.

Martin Taylor, Barclays' chief executive, said: "We made a strategic decision to redefine our investment banking business in the autumn, because continuing to invest in parts of the husiness

difficult market conditions", no longer made commercial sense for us."

Last November, the bank announced it was selling its UK and European equities and corporate advisory businesses to Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB), the Swiss-American investment bank,

This year's announcement National Westminster Bank yesterday moved to kick-start its troubled UK corporate advisory business by granting the unit more autonomy. NatWest Group is to embark on a "partnership arrangement" with NatWest Markets Corporate Advisory (NWMCA). NWMCA, which incorporates Hambro Magan, the corporate advisory business bought by NatWest in 1996, is to be

for £100m, £50m less than book still hopes to negotiate a sale. value. Later that month, it also announced it was closing its Japanese equities business, after failing to find a buyer, and, in December, Bardays sold its Australasian investment banking activities to ABN Amro, the Dutch bank for £70m.

Barclays' Asian equities businesses marked the end of the sale process. The bank's remaining Asian equities businesses are to be closed, with the possible exception of the Philippines, where Barclays

Kathryn Newton, banking analyst at UBS, said: "The charges going through the profit and loss account [the £340m restructuring charge and the £129m goodwill charge] were slightly more than expected, but did not come as an enormous surprise. But the terrible tradthat CSFB was to buy some of ing loss [the operating loss of £219m] was a big surprise."

John Garrett: In line for

Taylor had moved to end uncertainty over the cost of the BZW sale, and Barclays' shares closed up 41p at 1886p.

Lea Paterson

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## THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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## **Barclays** spells out the damage

Normally when a chief executive tells the market that, because of a strategic стог, profits are going to be £688m lower then normal, all hell breaks loose. Unless, of course, you are Bardays. Then the City pats you on the back and your shares rise by 41p to 1886p.

In fact Barclays' shares have outperformed the extremely huoyant banking sector of late, despite prolonged sheoanigans over the future of its investment banking arm, BZW. After months of rumour and counterrumour, it offloaded BZW's equity and corporate advisory activities at the end of last year. It admitted the businesses had been sold at less than book value, hut failed to spell out the full financial implications.

Barclays finally came clean yesterday and admitted it will take a £340m restructuring charge and £129m goodwill charge in 1997. Oh, and by the way, the equities business made an operating loss of £219m, taking the total hit to £688m.

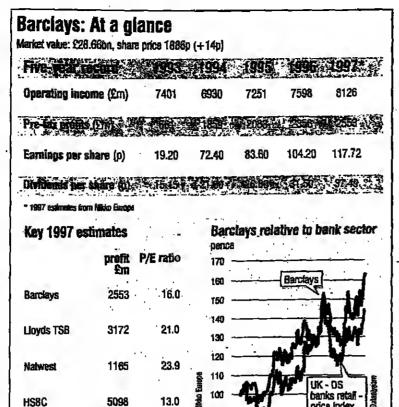
In the normal course of things, all this would add up to a rough ride for Barclays' shareholders. Yet the stock has been doing well of late, and there are good reasons why.

vestment banking ambitions, whatever the price. The qualities that make a good retail banker do not make a Barclays - and for that matter NatWest - have been slow to digest.

Second, the stock has been buoyed up by persistent merger rumours. Martin Taylor, Barclays' chief executive, has indicated his company would be more the market than willing to jump on the consolidation bandwagon. The marriage partner could be NatWest, Legal & Rank's shareholders breathed a sigh of General or a former building society. depending on which rumour you believe. But, whatever form they take, the rumours can only be good for shares.

Finally, Barclays, NatWest and success or failure of the business. Lloyds have a lower exposure to Asia than HSBC and Standard Chartered. This fact has tended to benefit the former at the expense of the latter, a trend that looks set to continue as loog as Asia's economic future remains in the balance.

All the large banks report annual profits in the next few weeks, and es-



First, the City is over the moon to timates from Nikko Europe make see the back of Barclays' global in- Barclays, along with NatWest and Lloyds, look rather pricey. But the premium is justified by industry rationalisation and the magnitude of the good investment banker, a fact that hanks' exposure to Asia. Worth hang-

## Rank reassures

relief yesterday. With chief executive Andrew Teare's recovery plan centred on the expansion of the Hard Rock Cafe chain, so much is hanging on the

A profits warning from Planet Hollywood earlier this month set alarm bells ringing. But Rank reassured the market that it had managed to avoid its main rival's problems and that profits had not fallen off a cliff. After a truly dreadful run which has seen the stock hit its lowest level since 1993 over decided to quit.

the last few weeks, Rank's share price perked up 12.25p to 312p.

So does this mark the turning point for Rank? The simple answer is that it is too early to tell. Mr Teare's huge it has not yet decided to challenge the investment programme should not continental Europeans or the Ameriquestion marks remain over the America and South Africa. group's strategy. Analysis believe Hard a pedestrian rate and Rank will need a growing band of sceptics in the City.

The expensive revamp of Butlin's Cohleigh chain are also concerns. Meanwhile the Odeon cinema chain better than some rivals in the industry, hut there is still plenty of work to do to get the businesses up to scratch.

It not just the market that has raised questions about Mr Teare's reforms. John Garrett, head of the group's leisure business, has been increasingly vocal in his complaints and yesterday

Mr Teare should be given the benefit of the doubt for now but if any of his reforms backfire he could be the next board director to lose his job. BZW forecasts 1997 profits of £295m, rising to £325m this year, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 13, then 11. Hold on.

#### No tea party for Whittard

Whittard of Chelsea has not proved to be investors' cup of tea over the last few months, with the shares falling by more than 10 per cent.

Yesterday's interim results from the specialist coffee, tea and ceramics merchant, highlighted the market's concerns. Sales rose by more than a fifth in the six months to November thanks to new store openings, but economic problems in Japan and the devaluation of the yen have hit margins at its 34 outlets over there. Underlying pre-tax profits rose 16 per cent to £639,000 for the six months to November.

Whittard has continued to open new shops at a rapid rate. However, the group relies heavily on new openings to maintain its profits momentum. Another 12-15 UK outlets are planned this year but it is difficult to see where international growth is coming from. Expansion plans in the Far East have been affected by the financial turmoil that has afflicted the area. Perhaps wisely begin to bear fruit for probably the next cans on their own ground, and it has six months at least. Until then several only just begun to dip its toe into South

Whittard has been singularly un-Rock's profits are still only growing at successful in its attempts to diversify away from its retail business. Nothing to do a lot better than that to convince much has so far come of plans to market specialist coffees through supermarkets. A misconceived attempt to sell and the delayed roll-out of the Tom casual clothes has cost the group

Whittard was an Aim high flyer. But and Mecca bingo division are doing the group has found it tougher going on the main market and the decision by the chairman and chief executive to sell some stock recently has hardly belped sentiment. The shares did edge up 3.5p to 200p yesterday. However analysts have scaled back profit forecasts for the full year from £3.3m to £3m, and 1998-99 forecasts from £4.3m to £4m, putting the shares of 16, then 13. High enough.

## CU eyes up £191 m purchase of top German life insurer

Commercial Union yesterday announced considering spending £191m on one of Germany's leading life insurers in an effort to expand its reach in Europe. As Andrew Verity reports, the expansion follows a surprising success story in Poland.

The insurance giant said it wanted to buy Berlinische Lebensversicherung AG from Europe's largest life insurer, Allianz, and Munich Re, the German reinsurer, who between them hold a 95 per cent stake.

The talks are part of the company's drive to establish a presence in European countries which are expected to encouraway from state provision.

age private insurance and move Peter Foster, CU's finance

Pensions are unfunded and at the moment most of it is still done a strategy to develop the life insurance business in Europe."

CU said it was convinced the. German market for life insurance would grow sharply. Demographic problems would push the government into farming out pensions to the private sector. In contrast to the UK mar-

ket, Germany spends just 2.5 per cent of GDP on life insurance. In the UK, life insurance makes up 7 per cent of GDP. Shares in Commercial Union

eased 11p to 979p yesterday. Mr Foster said this reflected the rest of the insurance sector rather than reaction to its acquisition. "The reaction we have had from analysts is that it fits with strategy and that there is a good opportunity there," he said.

CU has already had a sur-

director, said: "In Germany, the prising run of success in Poland, life insurance premiums are still where it already has 45 per cent a smaller market than the UK. of the market for selling life insurance to individuals.

Setting up its operation in through the state. This is part of 1993, CU has invested just £5m on the operation. CU Polska now brings in £57m a year in annual premiums. Lump sum in-

> last year to £8m. The company also has established operations in France, where it is aiming to sell UK-style individual pensions to French investors. A Czech operation was also set up in

vestments leapt by 82 per cent

November last year. CU, which employs more than 9,000 staff, takes more than £3.7bn in insurance premiums every year, including general insurance, such as household and motor cover.

Berlinishe, which has 800 staff, had premium income last year of £277m and has recently remoulded its management and changing its operations.

#### Nomura linked with Gibbs Mew La Senza in takeover talks

La Senza, the troubled lingerie retailer that has issued a series of profits warnings in the last year, confirmed yesterday it was talks with "a number of parties" that could lead to an offer for the company. Ann Summers, the retailer of raunchy underwear and sex aids, is thought to be one

of the companies involved. Shares in La Senza, priced at 150p when the group came to the market in 1996, closed 8.5p higher at 25.5p. However, some analysts suggested an offer might have to be pitched at up to 40p to be successful.

La Senza has been a disastrous performer since coming to the market in May 1996. Its rapid store opening programme proved unattainable due to rising rents and competition for sites and its trading has been below expectations.

Nomura, the Japanese investment bank that has bought into the British transport, betting and pub industries and wants to huy Energy Group, yesterday emerged as a possible predator for Gibbs Mew.

Shares in the Salisbury-based pub operator soared 52p to 308.5p yesterday after it admitted it was in takeover talks. Ushers, the brewer and pub operator that recently took over a contract to brew Gibbs Mew's famous Bishop's Tipple ale, is another likely suitor, as is Enterprise

Inns, the acquisitive pub group. Some larger pub chains such as Greene King are understood to have ruled themselves out. Analysis believe the group

could fetch around £45m. although a bidding war could push that figure much higher. Nomura became the largest

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pub landlord in the UK with the purchase of the Inntrepreneur chain and is looking for more acquisitions in the sector. It owns William Hill bookmakers. Angel Trains and 57,000 army bornes, - Andrew Yates

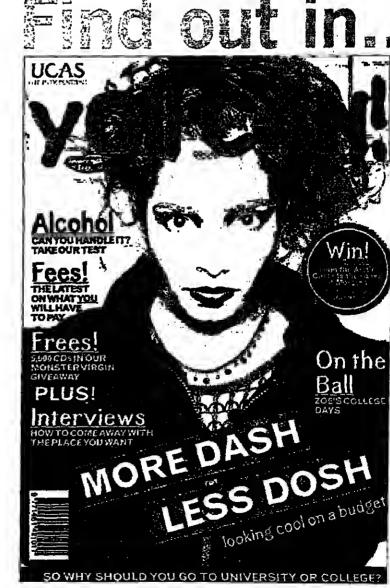
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OUTLOOK ON THE GLAXO-SMITHKLINE MERGER INTEREST RATE PROSPECTS AND AIRBUS LAUNCH AID

## Why Super Drug is good for everyone's health

Perish the thought that the Glaxo-SmithKline merger could be motivated by something as base as share option bonanzas rather than boring old economies of scale. The first rumblings can already be heard from Greenburgrially-correct institutions. Judging, however, by the shot in the arm the proposed creation of Super Drug gave the market yesterday there is more than enough in this deal to keep shareholders happy even if the SmithKline board fills its boots.

That said, giant drugs companies which put even the likes of Coca-Cola in the shade make consumers and regulators twitchy. So it is too early to view this as a done deal, even though Sir Richard Sykes and Jan Leschley have agreed who gets the key to the executive washroom (they both do) and what the respective shareholder split will be.

The reasons behind the merger are the familiar ones of scale and consolidation. In an industry where size matters, Giazo-SmithKline will be the mother of all businesses. It will have a valuation of more than £100bn, sales of £16bn and an annual research and development budget approaching £2bn.

Supposing the marger is classed as a "control event" then the corporate gravy train will start rolling with spectacular results for executives from both companies.

But the scope for economies of scale it will offer promises to be even more impressive. Giaxo-SmithKline ought to be able to shave £1bn off its cost base without blinking. This will cause some shrinkage in the 106,000-strong workforce but it will be nothing compared to the pain Glazo-SmithK-

line could inflict on the opposition. Sir and SmithKline tie the knot now and Richard's strategy of developing three new drugs a year by the millenium against the current industry average of one per company, will cease to look like the product of a mind-enhancing substance.

And yet such is the fragmented nature of the pharmaceutical industry that Glaxo-SmithKline will still account for only 8 per cent of the world market for prescription drugs with Merck in second place on 4.6 per cent. True, it would dominate the market for anti-viral drugs, like the herpes treatment Zovirax, and anti-emetic drugs used to combat the side-effects of chemotherapy. True, also, its combined sales in some local markets would be a good deal higher than 8 per

But the Glaxo-Wellcome merger three years ago provides an example of how competing products can be sold off to satisfy regulatory concerns.

Unless Margaret Blockit can find a pretext for claiming jurisdiction over the deal, the appropriate investigating authority on this side of the Atlantic will be Brussels where Karel Van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, is already on record as supporting consolidation in the pharmaceuticals

Provided Glazo-SmithKline can demonstrate that a merger would bring new drugs to the market more quickly and cost effectively, then the industrial rationale will be as compelling as the financial logic.

And, best of all, this will be British powerhouse in a sector where size will become asingly critical to success. Unless Glaro leapfrog to number one slot, how long before they are left further behind by Merck-Pfizer or Novartis-Roche?

#### Don't count on a rates standstill

The Bank of England's decision on whether or not to raise interest rates this week is finely balanced, according to almost every City pundit, but most are confident the balance is going to tip in favour of leaving them unchanged. Why? Because the economy bas already started to slow. export growth has halted and manufacturers are gloomy. Besides, neither America's Federal Reserve Board tomorrow nor Germany's Bundesbank on Thursday is expected to increase horrowing costs.

The analysis are right to say it's a close call, but their confidence about which way the Bank will go reflects a selective reading of the mixed economic signals. While growth has been weaker than expected, inflation has been much higher, carnings growth is picking up and the service sector - more than two thirds of the economy - is still booming.

In truth, it will not make much difference what the Monetary Policy Committee decides on Thursday, for it is impossible to fine-tune the economy by quarter-point interest rate changes. The Bank's job is like steering a supertanker in thick fog.

In that case, why should it bother to raise rates again in the face of great uncertainty? For three reasons. First, as a metter of tactics, it might help bring the painfully high pound down if the markets were persuaded that rates had reached their peak.

Secondly, the Bank of England does not yet have the record or credibility of its countterparts in the US and Germany. If it fails to act and the next few weeks bring bad news on wages and prices, sentiment in the fickle financial markets would flip-flop. After all, inflation is higher here than in any other western industrial country apart from

Thirdly, the Bank has to live up to its own very optimistic inflation forecast. Its last Inflation Report in November was presty confident that target inflation would be far lower than it is now. If in next week's quarterly Report the Bank's boffins want to show inflation getting back on track, they either need a rate rise now or they must use some other excuse, like the Asian crisis, to justify remaining so optimistic.

None of these are knock-out arguments But they do suggest that it would be unwise to count on interest rate maction on

#### A new line on launch aid

Industrial launch aid is generally only given to projects that would otherwise not go ahead. Yesterday the Government

stood that convention on its head by handing over £123m to British Aerospace six weeks after the company had agreed to take part in the development of a new generation of long-range Airbus commercial

The explanation for the time-lag is an unseemly squabble between the Treasury, which wanted to refuse BAe the money because it was already quite profitable enough, and the Department of Trade and Industry, which bought BAe's argument that the Airbus work along with 2,000 jobs would go abroad if its application was turned down.

The Prime Minister, no less, was called on to arbitrate and decided to come down on the side of jobs and a quiet life. Nor, given the pan-European nature of Airbus, did it do his wider ambitions any harm. Why fork out £1.2bn on a rail link to the Continent when you can establish your European credentials for a tenth of

The wings for the new Airbus A340-500 and 600 family of jets will now be built in Chester not Taiwan. All of which made it a good day for the North West yesterday on top of Merseyside's £43m subsidy from the taxpayer to build the baby Jag

But in succumbing to BAe's exagger ated threats to take jobs abroad the DTI has set an unfortunate precedent. The commercial prospects for the new Airbus alone ought to make the case for launch aid. Let's hope the taxpayer makes a real return of at least 8 per cent.

## Staple launches panel to counter threat of corporate fraud

**Business** failures are currently running at an all-time low. But if, as expected, economic growth levels off there . could be a swift increase in corporate fraud. business was warned yesterday. Roger Tropp \_\_\_\_ reports on a fresh attempt to combat a perennial problem.

The warning came from George Staple, former head of the genous Fraud Office, at the official lannch of a body designed to tackle the problem by drawing on expertise in a variety of followed by high-profile fraud sectors. The Fraud Advisory Panel has been established under the ausoices of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in buoyant economic conditions England and Wales, but is being supported by several publicsector organisations, including the Customs & Excise, the Department of Social Security, the National Audit Office and the City of London and Metropolitan police forces.

Ian McCartney, a minister the Department of Trade and

Industry, welcomed the move, saying he hoped it would play an "important part in developing greater awareness of business fraud and the means of combating it".

The initiative was introduced by Gerry Acher, head of audit at accountants KPMG and chairman of the institute's audit faculty. He likened the move to the institute's prime role in setting up the Cadbury Committee on corporate govemance in the wake of the spate of business failures that followed the late 1980s boom.

Many of these collapses, such as Polly Peck, Barlow Clowes and Bank of Credit and Commerce International, were trials. And Mr Staple and Mr Acher believe that experience suggests that if the current are followed by another recession a similar pattern could follow - unless there is a change in the business culture.

The panel, which has already sat twice, has established three working parties charged with meeting the prime objective of achieving that change by reducing the incidence and impact

of business fraud. The first, to be chaired by Anthony Bingham, a partner at accountants Coopers & Lybrand and a member of the audit faculty, will gather information on fraud with the aim of creating a much more detailed picture of the problem. The second, headed by Mike Hoare, a former Metropolitan Police officer who is chairman of the Risk & Security management Forum, will investigate methods of prevention, provide advice in this area and make people more aware of the problem. The third, under Howard Page QC, will look at the effectiveness of existing methods of investigation and prosecution

This last area is of particular interest to Mr Staple who, since his return to the leading law firm Clifford Chance following his term at the SFO. has spoken of the need for a general offence of fraud if white-collar criminals are going to be caught and deterred. At present, prosecutors have to rely on alleged offences falling within the Theft Act, which can make trials extremely complex and convictions hard to secure.

and seek to improve the speed



George Staple: Addressing the need for a general offence of fraud for white-collar criminals

#### Westland and Boeing win £650m helicopter job

The Government has chosen a joint company of GKN's Westland Helicopters and the US planemaker Boeing to provide the training service for the British Army's WAH-64 Apache

The contract is for 30 years, with an option to cancel at 20 years, and will generate some £650m at today's prices, GKN said. The company said the contract would be awarded under a government public/private partnership agreement, with GKN Westland and Boeing arranging the financing of the initial investment in equipment, infrastructure and personnel and the Ministry of Defence paying for training services.

#### Worry over bond PEPs

The trade body for unit trust and PEP providers yesterday warned of mounting concern that investors had unrealistic expectations of corporate bond PEPs. Philip Warland, director general of Autif, said he was worried that investors were buying corporate bonds from banks and building societies after seeing large - and highly unusual - returns

"I'm wotried people are buying these because they are offered by well-known institutions rather than because they understand them," he said. Mr Warland was speaking as Autif unveiled a survey of 1,000 people, a quarter of whom thought unit trusts were guaranteed to grow quicker than bank

#### **GUS** buys IT company

Great Universal Stores, the mail order group, added to its information services business yesterday when it agreed to pay £70m for SG2, a French information technology services company. GUS said the business will be integrated into Experian, its credit rating and database operation. SG2 was formed in 1970s by Société Générale, the French bank, to carry out its card and cheque processing. In addition it now operates call centres and marketing databases.

#### £300m update for BT

British Telecom is to undertake a £300m network modernisation programme to support the rapid growth in internet and data communications services. BT said these services would account for about 90 per cent of all corporate communications traffic by the year 2003. It said the money would be used to develop and expand its existing high-speed, highcapacity broadband multi-service network.

## £43m aid brings Baby Jag to Halewood Pensions watchdog to

Britain's car industry received a donble boost yesterday from government backing for a £400m Jaguar project and from a decision by Land Rover to invest £122m, creating 1,200 new jobs.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, announced a \$3m tranche of public money to secure the commitment of Ford to build its Jaguar X400 at Halewood rather than overseas. The investment will safe-

Quard 2,900 existing jobs and hold out the prospect of a further 500 posts by the year 2002. More than 100,000 cars a year

assembly lines with 80 per cent earmarked for export.

Ford had threatened to build the "Baby Jag", which will compete with BMW series 3 and Mercedes C-class cars, in the US or Germany. Nick Scheele, Jaguar chairman and chief executive, said £43m covered the difference between building in the UK as opposed to abroad, where no subsidies would have been needed.

But Mr Scheele said there was no question that Halewood was less productive or efficient than plants in Germany. The extra costs covered

are scheduled to roll off new the amount of work needed to transform the Merseyside plant. The decision to use Hale-

wood is a big boost to a factory which for many years had a troubled history of labour problems and quality control. Scheele said its industrial relations record had improved dramatically: "The workforce has a lot of pride."

Touy Blair, speaking directly to employees at the plant via a satellite link from 10 Downing Street, said: "It demonstrates once again that international car companies recognise that Britain is a highly competitive place to build cars."

Meanwhile a buge recruitment drive is under way as part of the £122m programme to expand the network of Land Rover dealers across the country. The company owned by BMW of Germany, hopes to create 1,200 new jobs as it increases the number of outlets from 123 to 135. Land Rover's network of in-

dependent dealers will put up the £122m, which will be spent on upgrading existing facilities as well as opening new ones. Land Rover sales are expected to double next year following the launch of the new Freelander model - Terry Macalister

## prosecute lax firms

port pension abuses, said a

third of its inquiries had been

about failure to pay. Further un-

reported offences are also likely

were putting off paying contri-

butions until more than three

weeks after paying wages. In

some cases, employers were

failing to pay altogether. Opra

is treating the initial court cases

as a test. If they are successful.

more criminal proceedings are

In many cases, employers

to have occurred.

Opra, the pensions regulator, is bringing criminal prosecutions against at least five employers for taking deductions from pay packets and failing to put the money into pension schemes. Hundreds more employers may

be prosecuted for the crime. Opra announced the criminal proceedings as it published details of numerous breaches of pensions law, uncovered since it started work in April last year, including several cases which strongly resemble the actions of Robert Maxwell.

Mr Hayes said the regulator The prosecuted employers, had been soft with employers which Opra cannot name for until now because of the diffilegal reasons, are expected to culties they have had in meetbe forced into court before ing the tough requirements of the Pensions Act, which came the end of March. They are being prosecuted for failure to pay into force last April. members' contributions into

"In future, the board of Opra will not be taking such a John Hayes, Opra's chairlenient course. Among the facman, said: "The cases concern tors we will take into account when we consider a scheme's the continuing failure by some employers, without reasonable failure to comply will be the excuse, to pay over deductions speed with which breaches are put right; the co-operation we packets into the employees' receive; the track record of occupational scheme. We have the pensioo scheme; and given public warnings on a whether members' interests number of occasions about the have been jeopardised."

The extent of failure to pay has shocked the pensions in-

-- Andrew Verity

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## Roadchef head could make £90m if a sale goes ahead

The chief executive of Road-chef, the inflowway service station chain which has put itself up for sale, stands to make up to £90m if the deal goes through, it emerged yesterday. Tim Ingram Hill owns 21 per a further 5 per cent of the cent of Roadcher's shares.

A further 42 pis cent is tied up in share options for senior management, the majority of which are thought to be in Mr lagram Hill's basels. Sources said Mr Ingram His owned 60 per cent of the company, which is likely to be worth £150m.

Another 400 of the group's employees, who are members of its employee share ownership plan (Esop), would share a further £7.5m between them. Roadchef's employees control shares through the Esop, which was set up in 1987 and was the first such scheme to be established by a British company.

Roadchef yesterday announced that it was preparing to send details on the company to a wide range of interested buyers. The firm's interest in a company made an operating

trade sale is believed to have been raised by the high price that Granada received for Welcome Break, the service station chain it sold following its takeover of Forte. Investcorp. the Bahrain-based investment group, last year shocked the City with its winning £476m bid for Welcome Break.

If it sells for similar valuations as Welcome Break, Roadchef could fetch a price of £150m. In 1996, the last year for which figures are available, the

profit of £6.88m on turnover of Roadchef is likely to attract

interest from a string of buyers. Asda, the supermarkets chain, and transport group National Express each submitted bids for Welcome Break, as did a string made from employees' pay

Investcorp is also expected to show an interest, and industry sources do not rule out

of venture capital groups.

Granada as a potential bidder. seriousness with which we re-Both these firms would face gard such conduct." competition hurdles.

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## Footsie soars to a new peak in drug-induced delirium

MARKET REPORT



DEREK PAIN

The £117bn drugs merger sent years, jumped 235p to 2,685p. Smallcap did manage a new Accident and Norwich Union. Footsie soaring to another At one time it was 355p higher. high, gaining 12 to 2,384.7. Barclays, despite a bigger than peak with the stock market in- Nycomed, the result of last dulging in its favourite pastime year's merger between Amer- only tended to reinforce the managed a 41p gain to 1,886p, - trying to spot the next deal.

The index surged 140.5 wegian group Nycomed, rose points to 5,599 with Glaxo 100p to 2,500p. Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham providing a massive since September last year takeover scale, blue chip banks injection. Glaxo rose an in- when the story appeared that credible 20.7 per cent with a the Government was becom-340p gain to 1,983p (after ing more favourably disposed 931p, led the pack with some 2,100p), and SB put on 65p to towards Britain's EMU in-845p (950p).

Ten minutes after the market opened Footsie was riding which together will eojoy the above 5,600, up 157, largely on market's largest capitalisathe delirium evideot in the tion, and the perceived bid

As Glaso and SB lost a little of their euphoria the market's phoria failed to spread hunt for other mega-merger through the rest of the market candidates lifted Footsie constituents.

Footsie's gain was the best volvemeot.

Trading in Glazo and SB, shares of the new drug alliance. candidates was heavy.

But the drug-induced euwhere volume was often modest. The Midcap index, repre-Not surprisingly Zeneca senting the 250 shares emerged as the favourite bid immediately outside Footsie. target. The drugs group, ofteo managed a 16.9 gain to linked with Swiss giant Roche 4,878.47 it is 65 points below

sham International and Nor- yawning gap which has devel- a peakoped between blue chips and the rest of the market.

With financials high on the enjoyed heady support. Royal Bank of Scotland, up 61p at Woolwich 3p at 388p. prepared to bank it will feature where mega-mergers are exin a finaocial deal.

Standard Chartered was

another in the bid frame. The shares gained 38p to 673p, building on last week's flurry, when heavy buying was apparent. Standard has had a poor run since the Asian crisis developed. The shares have come down from a 1.081.5p peak hit last summer. The theory abounds that a predator plans to take advantage of the uoder-performance.

Other financials buoyed as well as Glaxo in recent its peak, hit in October. The hybid bopes included General

The latest Footsie burst expected £340m loss on BZW.

But Halifax and Woolwich, which have been strong on speculative buying, bad, for them, rather quiet sessions with Halifax up 6p at 899p and

Telecoms, another area



pected, featured Cable & group, hardeoed 157.5p to Wireless with a 37p advance to 2,895p on reports of a deal 619p and BT, the subject of with Microsoft. frenzied buying two weeks ago on corporate stories, up Ladbroke, off 6p to 290p, were 9.5p to 594.5p.

Rolls-Royce, one of the costly bid battle for Interoverseas earners weighed down by sterling's strength and the turmoil in the tiger markets, climbed 6.5p to 213.5p on hopes that the 29.5 per cent ceiling on foreign shareholdings is about to be lifted. British Aerospace, which endures a similar ownership restriction, rose 10p to 1,600p. BAe scored 52p to 30.8.5p on signalled bid from the Government's deci- talks; pubs chain JD Wethersion to pump £123m towards spoon lost 15p to 277.5p on the design and development of profit downgradings. a new range of Airbus Indus-

trie airliners. The ceiling, which has with "a number of parties". caused particular discomfort to Tele-Cine Cell, on a bid ap-Rolls, with foreigners forced to proach, gained 4.5p to 61p. sell shares, is expected to be raised to 49.9 per cent or perhaps abolished altogether. Micro Focus, the computer

TAKING STOCK

GBE International, the engineer known for its tobacco equipment, added 3.5p to 27.25p as a shake-up produced a new chairman and chief executive. Graham Walker, a former deputy chairman of Safeway, takes over as chairman and Michael Jenkins becomes chief executive. Roger Spry, a consultant to tobacco

Bass, down 26p to 944p, and

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interim figures today, lost

19.5p to 342p. Profits are ex-

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is anxious about possible delays

in the digital television roll-out.

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Gibbs Mew, once a brewer,

Retailer La Senza added

Phytopharm continued to

draw strength on licence hopes

for its drugs-from-plants.

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There are suggestions of corporate action at Wickes, the building materials group. The shares are riding at 290p, encouraged by some lumpy lines of stock changing hands.

giant Philip Morris, will be

responsible for GBE's tobacco

Richards, suspended in July, returned at 57.5p, compared with the 55p placing which raised £4.4m. The former engineer now embraces Instrument Technology and is a maker of components for vacuum container systems. It will be renamed Univac.

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How big does a company need to be - and what determines the appropriate size in different industries?

In some cases there is a clear answer. For civil aircraft there is only room for two companies in the world, Boeing and Airbus. The scale of investment in a new product and the commercial risks involved mean that only two companies can make a living. In fact only one can really make a living, for were it not for subsidies from Enropean taxpayers Airbus almost certainly could not be a credible challenge to Boeing

That is probably the most extreme example of corporate concentration in the world. though some might argue that the position of Microsoft (by coincidence, also based in Seattle, headquarters of Boeing) was

equally extreme. At the other extreme there is - well, a colleague volunteered hairdressing, which was come more like civil aircraft and a better example than anything I could come up with. In be- more like hairdressing? tween come the vast mass of other activities from motor for concentration, but there manufacturing, to accountancy, are also at least five pushing in

Will the motor manufacturing model become the standard for most industries? Certainly the urge to merge is so powerful at the moment among accountancy firms, airlines, banks - to start at the beginning of the alphabet - that there is the slightly alarming prospect that many industries which still have sufficient players to ensure reasooahle competition between them will be sucked into be-

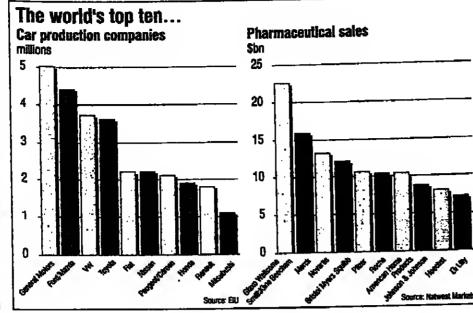
it is possible, at a price, to keep companies apart - but more on different businesses. To what exteot will all world business beto what extent will it remain

There are at least five forces to banking, to airlines and so on. the opposite direction. The five



because the industry is large. To see this, compare the top ten pharmaceutical companies with an industry where the structure is more settled, the motor manufacturers (see graphs). True, the hasis is slightly different because one is m money terms and the other in units, but in the case of pharmaceuticals the largest player at present is only twice the size of oumber 10 and the merged giant would only be three times, whereas in cars the ratio is five to one.

coming oligopolies. How far this trend runs will depend partly on regulation the fundamental economics of



 the growth of cross-border trade, for as world trade is increasing faster than world growth, countries are becoming more specialised in their output; · the growing importance of global brands, a function of the globalisation of media and in-

formation: · the growing size of commercial risks; · the costs imposed by government regulation (it is easier

for large firms to cope with these than small); investor preferences, as funds tend to seek to place assets in large lumps.

That might seem a pretty overwhelming hroadside, but the game is not entirely ooesided, for ranking against these

 the surge of information as a result of the internet, which cuts the eotry cost for many small businesses by allowing them to sell to a global market, and allows purchasers to track them down;

 the need for greater specialisation of function, which forces large groups to sub-contract more and more of their activities; the growth of services (in-

national borders, in relation to manufacturing (including air-craft), which will inevitably be traded across borders:

 growing consumer preferences for exclusivity in both goods and services, which will enable specialist providers to sustain much higher margins than mass producers;

 the growing importance of performers (sports and film stars, investment bankers, celebrity lawyers, and so oo) in relation to executives.

The second list may not at the moment be as convincing as the first. I suspect that the forces for concentration have the game is not entirely onesided. For those of us who are concerned about the conceotration of power that seems to be taking place, here are three simple ways we can, individually

and collectively, counter it. One is to use our own purchasing power to favour smaller enterprises. For example, we should shop, where practical, at local stores rather than the supermarket chains. We should try and travel on smaller airlines. In this great in-between area in favour of concentration are: cluding hairdressing), many of If our bank or huilding society

which cannot be traded across is taken over by a larger one, we should move the account. We should avoid going to chain restaurants - and so on.

Second, we should encourage government not to load regulations on companies, as these almost invariably beoefit the large ones. Large groups can afford the specialists to tackle the hureaucrais; small cannot.

Third, if we are working for a large group we should not use the financial power of that group to put pressure on small suppliers - for example, by that common trick of delaying payment of invoices.

These limited measures may seem poor defence against the still quite a long way to run, but power of concentration. But all ccoomic change is at the margin: quite small changes in the pattern of spending or the way consumers make their choices have cumulatively large impact. What is happening in pharmaceuticals is ooe large industry catching up with the typical global structure of other industries. There are other forces, less visible, encouraging people to spend more of their income on goods and services which the multinationals will never provide including hairdressing.

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## PEOPLE & BUSINESS

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Michael Hale is stepping down as chairman and chief executive of GBE International, the Andover based manufacturer of equipment for the tobacco industry, after having completed his role as "company doctor" to the troubled group.

Mr Hale took the axe to costs and raised £6m in new capital last summer, getting rid of the loss-making packaging and environ-mental purification businesses. He is making way for Graham Walker, the new executive chairman, who is best known as the former deputy chairman of Argyli Group. Mr Walker owns 3.9 million GBE shares representing 4.3 per cent of the issued share capital.

Michael Jenkins joins GBE as chief executive, having come from Delta Group, and Roger Spry, a long-term employee at Phillip Morris, competes the team as executive director for the development of GBE's tobacco business. Mike Forder, GBE's financial director, survives the reshuffle, and the company is expected to make around £2.5m profits this year.

Is Simon Preston, chairman of the small but distinguished City PR company Financial Public Relations, going to commit a heinous family sin and sell out to the French? He would never be forgiven if he did, as he is a direct descendant of Lord Nelson, who of course gave the French and Spaniards a sound thrashing at Trafalgar. No takeover of Financial Public Relations

is immediately in the offing, but two French PR firms are reported to have made contact. And Mr Preston, together with managing director Murdoch Macleod, do not deny a sale to a third party is possible. Times have been tough for Financial Pub-

General Accident, at the beginning of last year. Nelsoo would have been happier with the Ceotre for Economic Policy Research

lic Relations, founded in 1966, after it parted

company with its longest standing client,

(CEPR), the Londoo-based think tank founded in 1983 which this week trumpeted its European supremacy. Anthony Loehnis, the CEPR's chairman, declared that "the Centre now plays the leading role in policy-related research in Europe".

The occasion for the tub-thumping was a reorganisation in which Richard Portes, founding director of CEPR, becomes president. Stephen Yoe moves up from deputy director to chief executive officer, while Mathias Dewatripont hecomes part-time research director. The Centre now enjoys the support of all European central banks, the Bank for International Settlement and the European Monetary Institute.

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Peter Horrocks, senior insolvency partner at lawyers Lovell White Durrant and the leading legal expert working on the six-year-old BCCI liquidation, is set to leave the firm this October, having been a partner since 1975.

"I need a change. I've been in the law for 34 years, and with Lovells for 28 years. When you've worked that long as an adviser you begin to feel that you'd like to be the principal, to be making the decisions for a change," says Mr Horrocks.

Eager for a new challenge, Mr Horrocks says he is thinking about several possibilities and would be happy to receive an offer. One idea of his is that the current spate of megamergers between the hig accountancy firms, which should reduce them from the Big Six to the Big Four, will produce an opportunity to form a new niche player, perhaps an insolvency practice made up of both lawyers and

On the other hand I might become a company doctor, through a chairmanship," he adds. Whatever his new career path, Mr Horrocks reckons there will be plenty of work to do for receivers and liquidators. "I do think there is another recession coming. The Asian crisis will have an effect, interest rates will rise - it will be enough to knock some companies over."

And when will we first see the signs of trouble?" "June," he replies. You have been

One of Mr Horrocks' accountancy colleagues is Chris Morris of Deloitte & Touche, who is a joint liquidator of both BCCI and Polly Peck, Asil Nadir's crashed electronics to fruit packing husiness empire.

Mr Morris has just switched solicitors for his multi-million legal action against Polly Peck's former auditors Stoy Hayward. Out go Dibb Luptoo Alsop, in come Freshfields.

The UK company collapse figures may be at an all-time low at the moment, but Mr Morris is still being kept busy. His latest joh has taken him to Albania, to help sort out several of their notorious pyramid investment schemes. While the Albanian economy may be taking time to adjust to post-communist conditions, says Mr Morris, "the wine there is excellent".

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## Refined Caddick gets a sniff of the action

reports from Point-à-Pierre England 35I Trinidad & Tobago 217-6

It was England's pace bowlers who, following the example of the batsmen the day before, yesterday sampled the bitter taste of success at Guaracara Park. But, if there was a lump at the back of their throats, it was not so much caused by tears of joy than by the fact that this was a working day at the oil refinery next door, where more crude simply meant more smell.

England's bowling on the other hand was a lot more refined and, spart from tepid spells from Robert Croft and Adam Hollioake, the latter's first of the tour, they troubled their opponents for most of the day. Only a 115 partnership between Phil Simmons and Lincoln Roberts after lunch, when the hall had softened, prevented the visitors' total domination on this sluggish pitch.

Andy Caddick, in particular, looked far more threatening than he had at Chedwin Park - the game before the ill-fated match at Sahina Park - and his aggressive opening spell was exactly what his captain will be looking for when this Test series finally gets under way in a few days' time.

With his long limbs finding the easy rhythm that eluded him til lunch after which Trinidad reon the previous evening, he trenched with a captain's eter than it had been in the found some disconcerting contribution from Simmons and hounce and swing from the a fine 60 from Lincoln. Southern End. Coping with steep bounce tends to force is not a luxury likely to befall batsmen into playing back when him too often on this tour, they should be coming forward. a mistake Suraj Ragoonath lat- breeze. Success came with his er made when Caddick had him lbw, half forward,

In Caddick's next over, the hoist the ball over the pavilion. steep bounce again bore dividends and Denis Rampersad at his back, was even more suchad little option than to glove cessful, removing Richard Smith a wicked rising delivery to shortleg, where John Crawley took a comfortable catch.



Robert Croft tries to stop a drive from Phil Simmons during England's match against Trinidad and Tobago yesterday

When the Somerset paceman follow on, the deficit in two-day rested, Dean Headley and Angus Fraser continued to push for 150-run margin used in three and wickets, which fell regularly unfour day games. However, with the pitch qui-

morning, Trinidad clawed their way out of danger, the tall Lin-Knowing that choice of ends coln combining well with his captain before being caught at slip in Caddick's second spell, Fraser opted to trundle into the half an hour hefore tea, which give the bowler a third wicket. second hall, as the teenage The hysteris over pitches in this part of the world refuses to

Darren Ganga fell lbw, trying to die down, and many who have Headley, now with the wind yet to see the two Test pitches being prepared at the Queen's Park Oval have begun to proand David Williams to leave the nounce on them. home side reeling at 92 for 5 and For some reason, the fact

in real danger of being made to that the pitches lined up for the Board has decided to re-lay ruled unfit for play.

Tests are side hy side, a juxta- many of its Test match squares. cricket being 100 runs and not the position demanded by television and not the ground authorities, has been made to sound like a way to play back-to-back Tests serious offence.

> dictated pitch position and the fact that potentially the best strip is not being used because it compromises camera positions is neither here nor there. Without TV rights and coverage, none of the current sponsors would be involved, and cricket here and elsewhere would be in a far England have any to select.

cricket than slow placid pitches that produce draws, which is why the West Indies Cricket first Test against England was

worse financial state.

That is not to say, however, that adjacent pitches are an ideal at the same venue, and the The facts of the matter are far groundstaff will no doubt have more mundane, and TV has long to work harder than normal to minimise the scuffing up of the

But if this is being made out to be unsatisfactory, any damage that occurs - from the bowler's follow through and short-leg's scrapings - is likely to occur on a spinner's length. So far only • The former West Indies fast There is nothing worse for bowler Colin Croft has called on the West Indies Cricket Board to resign after the pitch for the

second pitch.

## **Hutchison strikes** after long wait

Myles Hodgson reports from Kurunegala England A 385 Sri Lanka A 341-8

Nick Knight, the England A captain, was left rueing his decision to hold back Paul Hutchison as Sri Lanka A fought back in the first unofficial Test yesterday. Sri Lanka's resilient lower-

order batsmen frustrated England's efforts to claim a potentially crucial first-innings lead on the penultimate day of the game. Resuming on 105 for 2, Sri Lanka finished the day on 341 for 8 to trail by just 44 runs. The Yorkshire seamer

Hutchison, who passed a late fitness test on a back strain to take his place in the starting line-up, has been one of the tourists most impressive strike bowlers so far on the tour.

But it was \$6 overs yesterday before he caught the captain's eye and was finally thrown the second new ball after Knight had tried everything else to make the breakthrough and

wrap up the Sri Lankan innings. Sri Lanka found little difficulty in withstanding England's attack as Knight tried all the options available to him, except Hutchison, using James Ormond, Mark Ealham, Ben Hollioake, Dean Cosker and Ashley Giles, who were all given their opportunity before him.

They had moved to 248 for 4 when Hutchison was finally given his chance and he showed what might have been by striking with just his third delivery to remove the century-maker Mahels Jayawardene. He then claimed a further wicket before the close as Sri Lanka suffered

FeB: 3-126, 4-163, 5-254, 6-280, 7-289, 8-290

#### Kirsten assumes command

Gary Kirsten struck a stylish century to guide South Africa into a match-winning position on the fourth day of the third Test against Australia in Adelaide. He followed up his first innings 77 with an unbeaten 108 as South Africa, 1-0 down in the series, declared on 193 for 6, setting Anstralia an unlikely target of 361 to win. By the close they had slumped to 32 for 2.

Earlier, Australia's captain Mark Taylor had become only the ninth Australian in history to carry his bat through a Test innings, finishing on 169 not out after more than eight-and-a-half hours at the crease. Fourth cay: South Africa wan toes SOUTH AFFRICA - First limitings 517 (B M McMi-lon 57no, G Kirsten 77, W J Cronje 73, P L Sym-co; 5-9.



Today we publish the updated results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The player scores are for all League games played until Sunday February 1st. The league table includes all scores up to January 26th. Neither set of scores includes results from the FA Cup. The manager who is the overall winner will win a trip to the world cup finals in France next Sum-

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their team keeps n clean sheet. If n player scores the winning goal. i.e.; if there is n one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 borns point awarded in addition to standard goal related points. Euch successful Assist, a pass judged by our experts to lead directly to a goal, will give a player 3 points. The opinion of our experts on the matter is final. Each player selected and starting a game will be awarded one point.

If a player is given a Yellow Card they lose 1 point, if a player is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count.

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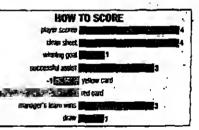
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Updated player scores and league tables will be published every Tuesday in The Independent and repeated the following Sunday in the Independent on Sunday.



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## Suspended jockeys booked for return

The sounding out by the Jockey Club of opinion in key sectors of the racing industry is likely to lead to the three suspended riders regaining their licences tomorrow. Richard Edmondson reports.

Two of the three jockeys suspended from racing following doping and race-fixing allegations may be back in action by the end of the week

The growing feeling yesterday was that the Jockey Club is about to annul its verdict of last Wednesday, a suggestion nurbers of the Jockey Club's Litured by early bookings for censing Committee will be Dean Gallagher and Leighton announced today. There will be

man under suspicion, remains in- at a secret location as last week. has rivalled Albert this past capacitated by a wrist injury.

Gallagher has aircady been pencilled in to ride Claudia to hold it out of the public glare," Electric at Sandown on Saturday. "If Dean gets his licence spokesman, said yesterday. hack he rides her," Claire terday. "I don't believe any of is try his best.

"He won on her first time out and would have a second time at Fontwell hut she swallowed her toogue. I hope the Jockey Cluh sees sense and gives the licences back."

The venue for the second meeting between the jockeys, their solicitors and three mem-Aspell Jamie Osborne, the third oo attempt to hold the meeting for improbable plots Portman of the Club's own concept of

"That was rather exceptional and I think we were right to try John Maxse, the Jockey Cluh

The Chairman on the bench, Johnsey, the trainer, said yes- as before, will be Gurney Sheppard. The remaining two places it because all he's done for us will be permed from the five other members of the Licensing Committee, and it is not impossible that Philip Blacker, the former jump jockey, and David Gibson, a horse breeder, will again sit in judgement.

The Jockey Club originally asked the jockeys to present evidence to persuade that their licences should be returned. Now, they may not even bave to do that.

week - is that Christopher Foster, the Club's Executive Directur, is tu recommend an early end to the suspensions.

The Jockey Club hastily withdrew the licences last week in the belief that they would be assuaging public opininn. They got it wrong. The reaction has been almost 100 per cent behind the riders. The Jockey Club is now prone to the belief that it is no longer in the driver's seat, but is as much in control as a drunk in the hack of a taxi.

Foster was yesterday continuing to "take soundings" on what other sections of the racing community thought about the suspensions. Making such critical decisions based on mar-Word from the Square - and ket research rather than because

propriate action seems an abrogation of its responsibility as racing's disciplinary body. While the fate of the three riders hangs in the balance there is little doubt that the Jockey Club has managed to attract a great deal of bad publicity over

their treatment of the jockeys.

The jockeys' lawyers are likely to argue tomorrow that a continuation of the suspensions would represent a restraint of trade. There might even be discussion of compensation. "Leighton would have ridden Monnaie Forte at Ayr, one of two winners he missed in three days," Gracme James, the jockey's agent, said yesterday. "That's cost him £2,000 and he needs to get back into action.

"The publicity is as impor-

Novices' Hurdle at the Festival

The pair have been given the al-

ternative option of running in

the first race at the Festival by

trainers Ian Balding and John

Pipe has also entered the

1996 Italian Derby winner Ba-

hamian Knight in the Supreme

Novices', in advance of bis hur-

dling debut at Lingfield this Fri-

day. The Irish entry for the

Supreme includes Irish Cham-

pion Hurdle second His Song.

Triumph Hurdle, headed by

Rainwatch, the Finale Junior

Pipe has entered 17 for the

Dunlop.

what constitutes just and apany longer then others will replace him and it's not so easy to get back on the horses. I'm not going to pre-judge things but if he does get his licence back then there are rides available for him on Friday and Saturday. I hope common sense prevails. A sixth person was arrested.

yesterday in connection with the swoop on racing. "A 34-year-old man voluntarily attended Charing Cross police station by arrangement with his solicitors and was arrested in connection with an inquiry into horse-doping and race-fixing," a Scotland Yard spokesman said. The man has been bailed to 29 April.

Moch of the background to these arrests has yet to reach the public domain, and until soon be time for those people charges are made a stench of



Aspell: Missed winners

uncertainty hangs over the sport. "The initial investigations were carried out by our security department and they continue to participate with the police in the ongoing investigation," John Masse said yesterday. "I'm not in full possession of the facts, but I'm sure there are other people in this building who are." It might

RACING'S FUTURES MARKET

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Mathematic (N Teleton-Device Test 1983)	10-1	6-1	10-1	15-1
Friendshitz (N Henderson/10677b)	12-1	12-1	10-1	<u></u>
Stormytainweather (N Henderson/10st/ds)	_=-	10-1	14-1	10-1
Spendid (D Nicholson/10st3lb)	10-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
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Whip Hand (J FitzGertald/10s(7fb)	16-1	16-1	18-1	16-1
Darwyden (M Pipe/11st5b)		15-1	14-1	18-1
Charge (M Harringh (DatAlb)	<del>11-1</del>	181	. 20-1	16-1
Buckhoose Boy (D Nicholson/IDE1203	15-1	20-1	15-1	20-1
Harbour Island (M Pipe/Derizit)	15-1	98-1	15-1	20-1
Moorish (N Twester-Devices/10st (20)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Rumeway Peta (M Pipe/10x12b)		33-1	25-1	33-1
Allegation (M Pipe 11st 10b)	33-1		14-1	25-1
Bracey Pain (J Okt/987(b)	25-1	33-1	25-1	33-1
Danling (M Pipe/10si6b)	33-1	25-1	25-1	39-1
Ele Acepi Morr (G.L. Morre/9st (3b)	20-1		20-1	33-1
Jack Button (Bob Jones/füsitilis)	25-1		25-1	33-1
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Sammactino (D Nicholson)	12-1	12-1	16-1	18-1
Collier Bay (J Old)	14-1	.184		16-1
French Holly (F Murphy)	Doubtto	Doubtful	Doubtful	25-1
President Prices (F Body)	16-1	25-1	20-1	
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Triumph Hurdle (2m If)							
	Coral	William Hill	Ladbrokes	Yotu			
Horse (Trainer/weight)	6-1	5-1	5-1	9-2			
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Rainbow Frontier (A P O'Brien(Id)			10-1	14-1			
Reimentch (M Pipe)	24	16-1	12-1	18-1			
Darapour (A P O'Brien(ht)	14-1		20-1	16-1			
Khakabar (C Rochalif)	16-1	16-1		14-1			
Buckly Marvel (O Sherwood)	18-1	25-1	14-1				
Str Talbot (J Oks)	25-1	25-1	20-1	20-1			
Supply And Demand (G.L. Moore)	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-1			
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Suny Bay (C Brooks)	12-1	14-1	18-1	16-1
Cyborge (M Pipe)	184	16-1	14-1	18-1
Strong Promise (G Hubbart)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Addington Boy (G Richards)	18-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
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Buckhouse Boy (D Nicholson/But 12(s)	20-1	18-1	15-1	2D-1
Harbour Island (M Pon/Dert2k)	15-1	20-1	15-1	20-1
Moorish (N Tweex-Device/10s125)	15-1		25-1	25-1
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## Big three fall in with Tote's Business plan

Some bookies thought that See More Business did not jump well enough at Cheltenham on Saturday to win a Gold Cup. Think again, said punters yesterday. Ian Davies reports.

It looks like the Tote got it right. After See More Business won the Pillar Chase at Cheltenham on Saturday, while other leading bookmakers were offering odds of up to 7-1 about See More Business for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the Tote Gold Cup, is generally available went 7-2. The other firms are at the same price. slowly moving into line. William Hill yesterday cut See More

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Puoters will bave more idea what See More Business is up against on Suoday when Ireland's leading Gold Cup hopes, Dorans Pride and Imperial Call. will face a small field in the Hennessy Gold Cup over three miles at Leopardstown. The pair were among only eight acceptors yesterday for the race. Go Ballistic and Hermes Har-

vest are the only British entries. Dorans Pride is a top-priced 8-1 for the Gold Cup with William Hill, while Imperial Call, who won the Hennessy in 1996 eo route to victory in the

Martin Pipe trains six of yesterday's 23 confirmed entries for the Tote Bookmakers Sandown Handicap Hurdle on Sat-

3.30 Tough Test (nb) 4.00 Eden Dancer 4.30 Camden Moor

srsells 96 (OAPs and unemployed 93). Accompanied under 16s free. CAR

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places).

Pright-hand oval course with fight turns.

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a top-priced 5-1. That may oot urday. Pipe's Allegation heads the weights on 11st 10lb. Daraydan, Big Strand - who merits attention after his eyecatching run at Kempton last time - Danjing. Runaway Pete and Harbour Island are Pipe's other entries.

Mistinguett, who easily beat RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Roman Reel (Lingfield 1.45) **NB:** Forzair

(Musselburgh 3.30)

some out-of-form rivals in last Saturday's Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham, will carry a 6lh penalty for her 15-length success over Birnsey, taking her up to joint top weight.

The six-year-old mare's trainer, Nigel Twiston Davies, for Sandown, He said: "She was yesterday for the Supreme

very impressive oo Saturday and she's fine after the race so we are heading for Sandown. She's not very big but she's carried big weights before and it hasn't bothered her."

Jimmy FitzGerald, who won the race with Special Vintage (1989) and TraingInt (1993 and 1996), will saddle Whip Hand, The trainer's son, Tim, said: Whip Hand seems OK and is an intended runner."

Splendid Thyne, winner uf his last three starts, is also a likely starter. He will renew rivalry with Jenny Pilman's Princeful, beaten two and a half lengths by Terry Casey's charge last time but 21b hetter off at Sandown.

Champion Hurdle possibles Grey Shot and Wahiba Sands reports ber "fine" and oo course are among the entry revealed

Master Bavard won a handicap on the course in December and the trip (2m) would have been too short for him on his latiest visit here. Highly tried against Celestial Choir at Newcestile last time, he should be benging away at the finish over this three miles. Beaters in head by Northern Square in a staying hundle at Cartiele last season, Hobblish's jumping has been siesticity on three chasing attempts the term, but he does stay well and roan figure after the latest third to Celestial Choir and Burnt trip at Cartisle, Fern Leader has went three points and, before his fall at Catterick, he won a handwap on this course has went three points and, before his fall at Catterick, he won a handwap on this course harmowly from Cottistown Zoy, who is now 3to worse off. Baby Jake it; well weighted narrowly from Cottistown Zoy, who is now 3to worse off. Baby Jake it; well weighted narrowly from Cottistown Zoy, who is now 3to worse off. Baby Jake it; well weighted narrowly from Cottistown Zoy, and a Scalarist stay of extra well over hundles and his two subsequent poor rine. SILLARS STALKER stayed extra well over hundles and his two subsequent poor new connections at Sedgefield and Catterick over trips short has given acrome hope for new connections at Sedgefield and Catterick over trips short has given acrome hope for new connections at Sedgefield and Catterick over trips short of his best. In a moderate race, Sillars Stallor is taken to collect back over a hip after of his fatter for the staying hundler and chasting newcome, Zaminareor, Claywalls, a dual booking for the staying hundler and chasting newcome, Zaminareor, Claywalls, a dual booking for the staying hundler and chasting newcome, Zaminareor, Claywalls, a dual booking for the staying hundler and chasing newcome, Zaminareor, Claywalls, a dual booking for the staying further and chasting newcome, Zaminareor, Claywalls, a dual booking for the staying further and chasing newcome, Zaminareor. Claywalls, a dual booking for the staying further and chasing newcome.

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KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 25,000

4.30 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) \$2,000 added 2m Penalty Value \$1,558

CAMDEN MOON is just the type to go in again after the course win over Christmas. Loran Wyer is again about after that smooth win from Joe Buzz (fifth of 25 to Mr Bust Loran Wyer is again about after that smooth win from Joe Buzz (fifth of 25 to Mr Bust by at Newcaste next time) and this acquisition from Ireland is a testy sort who can dely by at Newcaste next time) and this acquisition from Ireland is a testy sort who can dely by a ponety. The Essierby's newcomer Tale Bridge is a possible danger with the decent a specific like United States and the is stayler Tale Quality being his size. Hackley Denner is out of a winning huster and he is stayler Tale Quality with a record of winning these recess with a newcomer. Flutterby Lady from a stable with a record of winning these recess with a newcomer. Flutterby Lady stroud by the main threat on the book after her creditable debut second to Standar A zero on the course. That winner had shown ability in better bumpers so Flutterby Lady Azern on the course. That winner had shown ability in better bumpers so Flutterby Lady must go well today getting table from Jack Hanson's charge. Sylcan Express is only a more with did little over hurdes and tences.

FORM GUIDE

•Yesterday's meeting at Plumpton was ahandoned because of frnst. Punters will be relieved to hear that the Tote has increased its maximum pay-out to £500,000 from £250.000.

RESULTS

Hurdle winner.

SOUTHWELL

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tay, 2. Chabrol 7-1; 3. Hal Hoo Yaroom 4-1. B ren. 1%, si-hd. (P Eccles, Lambourn). Toles: C290; C150. C260, C150. DF: C130. CSF: C797, Theast: C56-40. This: C2080. 2.15; 1. ZIGGY'S DANCER (C Lowher). 6-4 far; 2. Bold Aristocrat 9-4; 3. Deerly 12-1, 9 ran. 7, nk. (E Alston, Longton). Total: C310; £130, £120, £200, DF: £370, CSF: £449

Tric: £1100. 2.45: 1. SUE NE (F Norton) 6-1: 2.45: 1. SUE ME (F. NOTOR) 6-1; 2. arrans-stains Beauty 3-1 far; 3. First Maltin 4-1 10 ren. 1½, hd. (D. Nicholls, Thirsk). Tota: 5700; 52:20, 52:20, 52:40, DF: 57:30. CSF: 23:01. Ticast: 677:29. Tro: 51:30. 3.15: 1. EMINENT (W Ryan) 6-11 kay, 2. Fearless 4-1; 3. Faym 5-1 8 ran. 3, 1½, (Lord Hamingdon, West Baley). Tota: 52:00. 57:40, 51:60, 51:10 DF: 63:00. CSF: 64:15. Trio: 59:00. NEF. Maltins.

\$140, \$160, \$110, DF; \$300, \$\$F; \$415, Trio; \$290, NF; Alienta.
3.45; 1. SHARP MONKEY (P McCabe)
7-4 tav; 2. River Frontier 12-1; 3. Bechnician 7-1, 12 ran, ½, ½, (Mrs N Mecaulov, Melton Montrey), Totar \$280; \$130, \$500, \$230, DF; \$2080, \$\$SF; \$250,4. Tricast; \$12665, Trio; \$2380, NF; by Bird.
4.15; 1. DUST (W Ryan) 5-4 tav; 2. \$490, \$100,

Placepot: \$1430. Quadpot: \$280. Place 6: \$1598. Place 5: \$1171.

 Swiog West, a winner on the Flat at Sonthwell yesterday, will oow attempt to follow up over burdles at Kelso on Thursday. Paul Eccles, his trainer, said: "He'll stay burdling now. I just thought he was well handicapped for this.

### LINGFIELD

HYPERION 1.45 Digpast 2.15 Night City 2.45 Some Might Say 3.15 Pearly Queen 3.45 MUTA-SAWWAR (nap) 4.15 Galapinn

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STALLS: I'm - outside: rest - inside.
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PEACH AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP 1.45 (CLASS E) £3,750 added 1m

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- 9 declared BETTING: 6-5 Night City, 3-1 Private Despetch, 100-30 Throughough, 18-1 Xenophon Of Caretze, 12-1 Chingachgook, 25-1 Hatta Sunskine, 33-1 others

2.45 NECTARINE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 1) £5,000 added 1m

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### IAAF offers **British** body financial help

UK Athletics 98 officials yesterday confirmed that the International Athletic Federation had offered the new body a sum of money to help it through the financial crisis left behind when the British Athletic Federation went bankrupt, but they denied it was as much as \$500,000 (£310,000). That figure was mentioned in reports of a statement by the IAAF president, Primo Nebiolo, that talks about a loan were in progress.

UK Athletics 98 was set up in November when the British Athletic Federatioo went into receivership with dehts of \$550,000. The company was set up both to carry out the duties of the BAF and set up a new structure to run the sport. It has already been awarded £300,000 by the Sports Council.

A spokesman for UK Athletics 98, Stuart Barnes, added: "The half-million figure is a bit high. You'd be better off talking around £100,000."

● Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, criticised some sports bodies yesterday for not rooting out drug cheats, saying at the IOC Session in Nagano, Japan, that many had "taken no measures to combat this [doping] scourge".

ICE HOCKEY

#### **Eagles close** to landing title

Ayr Scottish Eagles took a big step towards winning the Superleague title on Sunday by heating Cardiff Devils 1-0 in South

Cardiff, the champions, had looked the only side capable of stopping Ayr's drive for the title, but Vince Boe's first period goal settled a tense game in Eagles' favour.

Ron Dopson was magnificent in the Ayr goal, stopping all 40 shots on his oct to complete a memorable personal weekend - he shut out Basingstoke 24 hours earlier.

The Scottish side, with a seven-point lead at the top, now need a maximum of four points from their four remaining games - three of which are at home - to add the Superleague title to the Benson and Hedges Cup they have already secured.

Elsewhere Maochester Storm added to the misery of Basingstoke Bison - shut-out by Ayr on their own ice on Saturday - beating them 6-3 at the Nynex Arena.

BASKETBALL

#### Newcastle on their guard

Craig Lynch, the Newcastle Eagles coach, has warned his players to ignore the two defeats which rocked London Towers' Budweiser League season at the weekend when they line up against them at Wembley tonight for the first leg of their Uni-ball League Trophy semi-final We have to concentrate on our job and forget what's happening around us," Lynch said. Following Saturday's 88-82

capitulation at Derby Storm and the astonishing 79-78 home defeat against the bottom club Watford Royals, only four points separate the top five clubs and Towers have played up to three more games than their rivals.

Lynch said: "Towers are there to be shot at and they just have to respond, like the rest of us. They're a good team, and we won't be fooled by those results."

Newcastle are on a 13-game unbeaten run and the sequence includes two league victories over Towers at Wembley, but Lynch said: "That's history." -- Richard Taylor

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## The Two Nations need Welsh to add a half to the brew

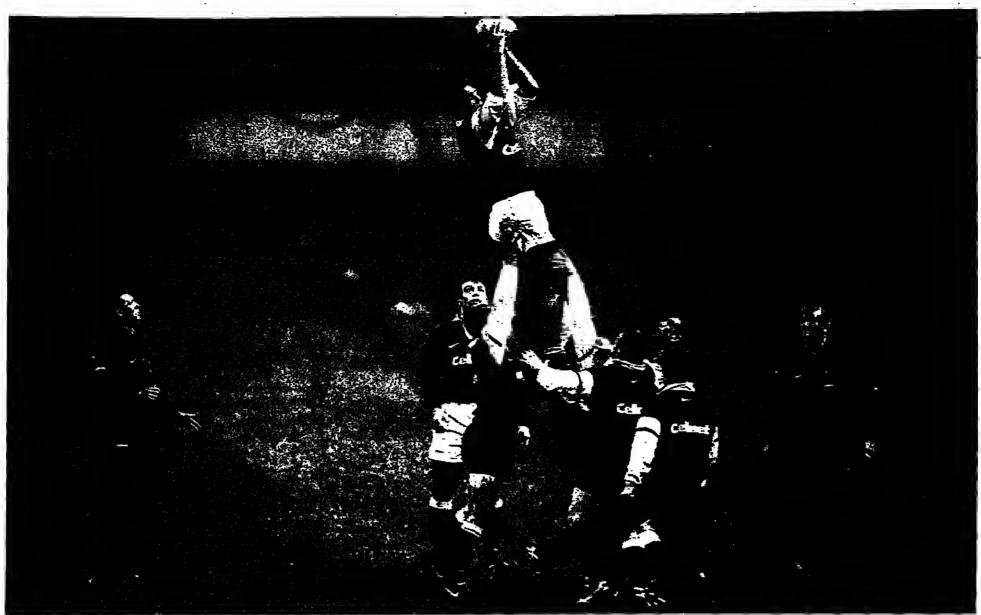
The 1998 Five Nations' Championship starts this weekend as Clive Woodward's New England travel to Paris to mix it with Jean-Claude Skrela's Even Newer France.

Chris Hewett, Rugby Union Correspondent, asks if the 10-week tournament will be done and dusted in 80 minutes flat, or whether the Celtic fringe can emerge from their twilight zone and confound the big two with some traditional fire and fury?

A smug, spiteful little joke is currently circulating through the bars and committee rooms of England's leading clubs and just for once, the punchline has nothing whatsoever to do with Cliff Brittle. It goes something like this: What's the difference between the Five Nations' Championship and the Monte Carlo Rally? Answer: Brian Ashton and Jim Telfer bave more chance of winning the Monte Carlo Rally. On foot.

Cruel hut true, To dignify Europe's annual international tournament with the word "five" is to invite an investigation from the Serious Fraud Squad, whose officers would not need an bonours degree in sports science to realise that Ireland and Scotland are contenders only in the sense that Les Dawson was a concert pianist. If the Trades Descriptions Act covered rughy as well as soap powder and stereo systems, the organisers would be ordered to rename their product

"The Two and a Half Nations". Where on earth does the half come into it? Surely Les Tricolores and Les Rosbifs will condense the whole shooting match the hottest second row in into a single frenzied ser-to at Britain. Unless Gareth the new Stade de France on Sat-



Jump to it: England's line-out prepares to scale the Five Nations heights during a training session at Twickenham yesterday

Photograph: Peter Jay

salesmen of rugby's interna-

the blood of visiting forwards,

is no more than a picnic venue

for bigger, richer, more pro-

fessional opponents and while

Murrayfield with deep mistrust,

they could field two second-

string sides good enough to deal

with Jim Telfer's rag-tag col-

lection of dispirited light-

Prohably even. But the stir- certainly the luckiest, gives it of the tournament - while the joining the cosy little twosome under three weeks' time. in the box circle.

Not that Kevin Bowring, their cerebral coach, is doing ually ignoring Craig Quinnell,

ern Bridge suggest that Wales - Italians in this weekend's nonwith a puncher's chance of slip- Quinnell will surely face Engping out of the cheap seats and land at Twickenbam in a little

very good reasons why the himself any favours by contin- squib mode. Rebuilding work at strong Staff Jones. the Arms Park has forced thera into temporary residence at

rings on the far side of the Sev- some real humpty against the even more urgent rebuilding work on their front five has been remember them? - are in there championship Test at Llanelli, frustrated by injuries to Christian Loader and Spencer John. the two prime contenders for the loose-head role that has There are any number of haunted Wales since the longforgotten days of the one-di-Welsh should remain in damp mensional but phenomenally

And yet. Bowring's instinctive faith in the darting, side-Wembley-oddly the Dragons stepping bundle of street Llewellyn, the most-capped will play more games in London theatre known as Arwel urday afternoon? Possibly, lock in Welsh history and almost than England over the course Thomas means that the Welsh

threequarter line, graced as it is by Gibbs and Bateman and Evans, will be given its freedom. Neil Jenkins, no great shakes as a full-back but one hell of a goalkicker, is still around to put points on the board and if Scott Quinnell gets out of bed the right side, the hack row will surely make the most of Martvn Williams' bravery on the

Heaven knows, the championship needs the boyos in full bloom once again. It is fashionable in this professional age

Five Nations as so much wool- their uppers, the Big Issue of the death. h-beaded waffle, to reduce rugby to a laboratory print-out of pounds, onnces and tackle counts and forget all about the individual flashes of derring-do that make the tournament required viewing, even down south in Cape Town and Auckland. The Welsh bring sentiment, nostalgia and dripping emotion to the equation. In its absence, the fare can be as dry

Particularly now that the weights.

bagged a Five Nations title and not even the most Guinness-fuelled patriot in Limerick expects them to claim one in the next 13 The Scots have fared rather better, completing a famous Grand Slam in 1990 and going close to two more in 1995 and 1996 before having their pips squeezed by superior English packs. But there has been a poverty of recent performance from both nations that brackets them together. Professionalism has skinned them alive, left them for dead. They are yesterday's men. Assuming, then, that the Welsb are capable of only one

It is 13 years since Ireland

rewriting of the form book rather than two, which of the big guns will avoid the banana

FIVE NATIONS FIXTURES

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skin? England are favourites to take the title, but only just. They are more settled than the French in most areas - second row, back row, half-back, midfield - and go into this week's match with the confidence of men who, last time out, took a great New Zealand side to the cleaners for 20 wonderful minutes and then climbed off the . to dismiss the romance of the Irish and Scots are down on canvas to frighten them again

But in one very important ? tional community. Lansdowne sense, England deserve to take Road, so often stained red with nothing from this championship apart from e big fat zero. Their refusal to ratify Italy's long overdue appearance of the high table of European rugby was and the French continue to view remains arrogant, supercitious and downright illogical. If they are made to pay for their pomposity by one or more of their opponents over the next two and: a half months, a form of justice will be seen to be done.

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#### ENGLAND

Clive Woodward insists that he has one a team capable of lifting the Webb Ellis Trophy at next year's World Cup - and, if it means taking a painful step backwards in order to accomplish two in the right direction, he will happily pay the price. Such is his current standing with the English rugby public that while he amerged from last autumn's four-Test SANZA series without a win, he also emerged without a smidgen of smelly stuff sticking to his red rose blazer.

How long the honeymoon lasts is not entirely dependent on this weekend's match in Paris. Woodward can afford a narrow defeat there and still talk persuasively about progress. But any defeat by the Celts will leave him exposed to the slings and arrows of sporting fortune, especially as he possesses enviable strength in all areas of his squad.

All, that is, except the front row, which must be giving him nightmares. The Springbok pairing of Os du Randt and Adrian Garvey crucified their opponents at Twickenham in November and there is plenty of smart money on Christian Califano and Frank Tournaire doing something similar on Saturday.

England have the best back five in the championship, a posse of quality scrum-halves and a dream ticket in midfield now that Jeremy Guscott is back on board. If the front row goes belly-up, though, the rest counts for nothing.

Player to watch: Will Greenwood

#### **FRANCE**

What on earth are they doing, dropping Agen hooker was one of the sensations of last season's victorious Five Nations campaign and, together with Christian Califano and Frank Tournaire, he would have been an even-money favourite to reduce England's front row to rubble this weekend. Instead, the French selectors have handed the No 2 shirt and the captaincy to the unknown Rafael Ibanez.

Still, the French look pretty useful, even without Abdel Benazzis incomparable presence in the back five of their scrum. Their flankers, Philippe Benetton and Olivier Magne, ere right up there with the English thoroughbreds and if Thomas Castaigneds catches fire at outside-half, he could bring the Stade de France down almost before the builders have finished putting it up.

The question, as ever, surrounds the state of the French psyche, which is more complex and very nearly as baffling than a Marcel Proust paragraph. As we saw in Bordeaux on Saturday, the Brive contingent of Lamaison, Carbonneau and Magne can freeze up on the big occasion. Stéphane Glas has been known to betrey his immense talent as an attacking centre, Fabien Pelous may not pack sufficient punch at lock and Thomas Lievremont is a new boy at No 8. All in all, quite a challenge for a rookie cap-

Player to watch: Christian Califano.

#### IRELAND

The trish hierarchy moved in for Brian Rowell, then England's coach, suggested he might find an opening for his old Bath confrère. How Ashton must wish he had gone shopping or popped along to the bookies that morning, for had he not been at home to take the fatal phone call from Dublin, he would probably be Clive Woodward right now.

It is almost laughably ironic that Ashton, who ranks alongside Pierre Villepreux as the most visionary and inventive backs coach in Europe, does not have a back division worthy of the name. The Irish three quarters will tackle - they always do -but the problems tend to start when the opposition relinquishes the ball. Short of a cutting edge in midfield and genuine gas out wide, the three quarters are also harmoered by a lack of control at half-back. In short, it's e no-no.

There is better news up front, even though Jeremy Davidson, such a central figure in last summer's Lions triumph, is long-term Injured. Malcolm O'Kelly could develop into one of the great Irish second rows, Paul Wallece is a crafty survivor on the tight head and David Corkery e handful on the blindside flank

However, Ashton has decided against giving Newcastle's Ross Nesdale a start at hooker in the opener with Scotland - e move he may live to regret and Eric Miller's inconsistency remains a worry. Player to watch: Malcolm O'Kelly.

#### SCOTLAND

The nightmare scenario for the Scots is if the occessition manages to find the occessition manages to find the occessition manages to find the occurrence of the occurrence of the occurrence of the occurrence o to the ground. If they lose in Dublin this week - and their inability to field a competitive pack is far more of a problem than Ireland's unsuccessful search for e back division - they may well be whitewashed for the first time since 1978. Certainly, it is difficult to see them beating the Welsh at Wembley, let alone England or France on their own soil.

Jim Telfer's return as coach should at least ensure a whole-hearted effort from his pack, but there is no escaping the paucity of genuine international talent in all areas of the scrum. The ebsence of Tom Smith, an important contributor to the Lions in South Africa, has reduced Scotland's set-piece potential to something approaching zero and, with Rob Wainwright off the boil, Telfer cannot even rely on the hard-nut banditry traditionally associated with back-row units of the tartan persuasion. Finlay Calder. where are you now?

Besides, eight days is hardly long enough to boil an egg in rugby, let alone mould e side to Test pitch. Telfer is a superb forward coach end even though he has no time to play with, he can make e degree of progress by imposing e sergeant-majorish, backto-basics regime on his disconsolate charges and insist that they re-acquaint themselves with the fundamental drills. It is, though, a damage limitation job. Player to watch: Hard to find one\_

## We see it every year, the distant half-

valleys. And every year, the darkness descends so suddenly and so completely that the long-suffering Welsh supporters have difficulty finding their way from the Arms Park to the pub. Last season, the reversal in fortunes was particularly unbearable: a 30point victory at Murrayfield, followed two weeks later by e one-point home defeat at the hand of the trish.

> Heartbreaking, crazy, downright criminal. Yet the expectation never fades and this year, Kevin Bowring has an outside chance of fulfilling the desires of a true rugby nation. Wales have the most potent back division in the championship, e combustible mixture of innovation and pragmatism, of physical presence and elusive gentus. All Bowring needs to do is work out a tailsafe method of giving Rob Howley, Arwel Thomas and company the oxygen of possession.

It has been ever thus these last few years, for the Welsh pack has trightened no-one. Even now, they have problems at prop and, less obviously but equally worryingly, at the line-out. However, England's front row is not what if was and when the two sides meet at Twickenham, the set-piece confrontation could be the most even for the best part of a decade. The Welsh will still find it helishly difficult at HQ, but three wins from four is not out of the question. Player to watch: Allan Bateman.

## It is folly to begin the season with its crucial encounter The bookies are making Eng- by France played Scotland, for land favourites to win the Five

13-8 on. Then come France at 13-8, Wales at 14-1, Scotland at 25-1 and Ireland et 40-1. tt seems to me that England are over-priced, Frence underpriced, Wales a good bet likewise and Ireland under-priced in relation to Scotland. If Wales were playing their

bome matches at the old National Stadium instead of at Wembley, I would have fancied them to bring off a surprise. even with their somewhat makeshift pack. As things are I agree, both with the bookies and with Jonathan Davies in the Independent on Sunday, that the real contest is between France and England, as it has been throughout the 1990s.

I also agree with Davies that in a commercial age - indeed, in any age - it is folly to begin the international season with what will almost certainly prove to be its crucial encounter.

There are two ways of approaching the compiletion of these fixtures. One is to revert to the traditional order, where-

instance, on the first Saturday Nations' Chempionship at of the new year, and the other countries similarly followed their hallowed pattern. The other way is to take account of current form (by which I mean form over roughly a five-year span) and to save up what look like being the decisive metcbes for the last weekend.

For this season, I have to remind myself, even if I do not beve to remind my readers. Five Nations matches are being played on Sundays as well as on Saturdays. But in a fashion typical of the organisation of rugby union football, the pattern is not being imposed consistently and seems to have

no rhyme or reason about it. Thus on Saturday there are three internationals (one of them the friendly between Wales and Italy ot Llanelli) hut there are none on the Sunday. There is a similar pattern on Saturday 7 March, Yet on Saturday 4 April England play Ireland at Twickenham, leaving Wales to play France at Wem-

bley on the Sunday. Oddly, I have the feeling pen to be extremely fast.



ALAN WATKINS

that Wales may win this match, if Kevin Bowting can pick the right team. For the game with Italy he has picked the correct backs apart from Gareth Thomas on the left wing.

I bave nothing against Thomas, except that an injustice has manifestly been done to Nigel Walker. He was Wales' best player against New Zealand at the same stadium, and saved several tries. He is, I am afraid, the victim of prejudice: not colour prejudice - certainly not - but that prejudice which works against players who have come to the game relatively late in life and also hap-

these circumstances that they are "not sure about his defence" even though his defence is exemplary, as it is with Walker. Both Andrew Harriman of Harlequins and Simon Davies of Swansea were insufficiently recognised by their countries (in Davies' case. he was not recognised at all) on this spurious ground.

Earlier t mentioned the makeshift aspect of the Welsh forwards. There are four forwards in the Allied Dunbar Premier Division who are arguably the superiors of the players Bowring has chosen: John Davies and Craig Quinnell of Richmond, and Nathan Thomas and Richard Webster of Bath,

though Thomas is a substitute. Admittedly Davies and Webster are getting on a bit, even though Webster did sterling work for Both at Bordeaux. The younger Quinnell is not the most accomplished line-out performer I have ever seen either. But with the other exports that really have been chosen. Barry Williams, Gareth am backing them to take the Liewellyn and Scott Quinnell, Championship as well.

The wiseacres always say in they would undoubtedly strengthen the pack. The time when the Welsh selectors could afford to turn up their noses at players turning out for English clubs bas long passed.

From what I have seen in France, the standard of top English club rugby is higher than anything regularly available there as well. And Clive Woodward has been more level-headed in his selections for Saturday's match than Pierre Villepreux and Jean-Claude Skrela seem to have been with theirs, despite some silly, unnecessary teases on Woodward's part last week.

Accordingly Jeremy Guscott duly returns, and quite right too. Woodward has kept the pack that beld New Zealand, with the enforced substitution of Mark Regan for Richard Cockerill.

The most risky French ploy is to play Thomas Castaignede, now of Castres, at outside half. when what he is naturally is an attacking centre. But, illogically, I still think France will win, and

## Lamaison faces being left out

kicker who was France's matchwinner against England at Twickenham last year, could be left out for the confrontation between the sides in their Five Nations' Championship at the Stade de France outside Paris on Saturday.

There is no questioning his ability - what worries France's backs guru, Pierre Villepreux, is the centre's mental state after missing a potentially decisive kick in his club's stunning defeat by Bath in the Heineken Cup final on Saturday. He suggested yesterday that Lamaison "may not be mentally up to it".

Lamaison, who scored 18 of France's points as they came from behind to beat England 23-20 last year on their way to the grand slam, was devastated after Saturday's defeat.

Should the French selectors decide to drop him, then Thomas Casteignède would play at centre with the goal kicking duties and David Aucagne at stand-off.

Villepreux said the match with England would prove a huge test particularly for the younger players in a fresb

Christophe Lamaison, the Brive French team under a new captain, the hooker Rafael Ibanez. "We're hoping for e suc-

cessful fusion of the young players with the more experienced," Villepreux said. treland bave named the Garryowen scrum-balf, Steve

McIvor, among the replace-

ments for Saturday's Five Notions game with Scotland in Duhlin. The 28-year-old, who won his two caps against Australie and Italy last season, replaces Niall Hogan after the London Irish half-back fractured his

cheekbone playing for his club on Sunday. The London Irisb lock Gabriel Fulcher and Victor Costello, the St Mary's College No 8, have been switched from the Ireland A team to play Scotland A on Friday at Donnybrook to the senior squad's

replacement panel. Their places in the A side will be taken by Bath's Brian Cusack and David Erskine, of Sale, while the Bristol stand-off, Paul Burke, takes over the Ire-

land A captaincy from Fulcber. deny ellegations of ear-biting face a hearing.

when he faces a Rugby Football Union disciplinary panel today. The Bath prop, capped twice, has been advised not to speak publicly about the notorious incident on 10 January, which left the London Scottisb flanker Simon Fenn needing 25 stitches in his left ear. Yates, who has been suspended on full & pay by Bath, has told colleagues

and club officials be is innocent. There are buge legal, financial and contractual implications for Yates, Bath and the Rugby Football Union and the case will be heard by a high-profile team chaired by QC Michael Burton. He will be assisted by two RFU council members - Jonathan Dance, a solicitor, and Brian Baister, who is a retired assistant chief constable.

The RFU took over the inquiry by mutual agreement when the original intention was for Bath to continue their internal attempt to uncover the truth. London Scottish originally cited the entire Bath pack but reduced the citing to the front row before later eliminating Victor Ubogu and Federico Kevin Yotes is expected to. Mendez, leaving only Yates to

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# Final irony as Juninho is out until June

Juninho is almost certain to miss the World Cup after breaking his leg playing for Atletico Madrid on Sunday. Elizabeth Nash saw the Brazilian recovering in hospital yesterday.

Juninho lay back in intensive care at a private hospital outside the Spanish capital yesterday looking half his 24 years. He moved his head vaguely and made circling movements with his hand to indicate he still felt and after the operation, tried to groggy after an operation had left remain optimistic. "My mothhim with a steel plate and five screws in his left leg.

thopaedic surgeon, operated on the Brazilian's fractured tibia and twisted knee ligaments yesterday. He said it would be five months before the player would kick a terday afternoon, having reball again. "He'll stay here two days, then he'll be able to walk with crutches, then it'll be six to eight weeks before he can put the foot on the ground."

Juninho will not play again ting down Atletico - who face

and his injury puts into serious doubt his participation in the World Cup, which starts in June.

reer of the Brazilian midfielder, who had set his heart on winning a place in his country's World Cup team. One of the major reasons he left Middleshrough for Atletico Madrid last summer was the fact that Spartish league games are televised in Brazil: he hoped that his performances would keep him in the public eye back home.

Juninho's mother, Lucia, and his father, Osvaldo, who were with their son both before er's instinct tells me he'll play in the World Cup," Lucia said. Pedro Guillen, an or- "It's what we all want and he has great powers of recovery and cnormous willpower,"

Juninho was conscious in the early stages of the operation yesceived an epidural that anaesthetised him from the waist down. While under the knife he told the surgeons about his great disappointment at let-

It is a huge setback in the ca-

Marked man: Juninho avoids a tackle from Celta Vigo's Alex Mostovoi in the match in which he subsequently broke his leg on Sunday match next month without him er slept for some hours, tran-sequently booked and admitted - and especially of his fear of quillised against the pain. From missing the World Cup. But then the footballer became dis- smile through the glass screen bore no ill will against Salgado. turbed by the fearful cracking of bones as the operation progressed and he requested a

sedative to knock him out. After the operation the play- Michael Salgado, who was sub- in England, even though you

time to time he gave a faint of the intensive care unit and a Ihumbs up sign.

Juninho suffered the injury in a tackle by Celta Vigo's like this ever happened to him

he was lucky not to be sent off. However, Osvaldo said his son

Lazaro Albarraicin, Atletico's vice-president, who had come to see Juninho, told me: "Nothing

micr Division. "It is the first

time it has happened to me in

foothall," said Duffy, whose as-

sistant, Jackie McNamara, was

also sacked, "People say there

are better managers than me

who have got the sack too, but

it doesn't make me feel any bet-

ed that it has not worked out."

RUGBY LEAGUE

nation of hard players. But British footballers are noble." Osvaldo inpped me gently on

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the sleeve. "He won't be talking said as the still semi-conscious to miss the World Cup after Juninho was wheeled along the breaking his leg playing for Jucorridor back to his room, en-ventus at Lecce on Sunday.

have the reputation of being a couraged by a number of other injured sportsmen who hobbled to watch his progress. But he had eyes only for his mum. Ciro Ferrara, a key figure in to anybody today, I'm sorry," he Italy's defence, is almost certain

## Elleray adds weight to safety issue

The referee David Elleray has revealed he raised serious concerns over the safety of match officials with the Football Association last season - almost a year before Saturday's violent attack on a linesman, Edward Martin, at Portsmouth.

Elleray, the spokesman for Premiership referees, has now stepped up his call for action to prevent a more serious attack, similar to the on-court stabbing of the tennis player Monica Seles by a spectator at a tournament in Germany a few years ago, taking place. . .

Martin, 38, now recovering at home from head injuries sustained in the attack which happened when a fan ran onto the pitch after he had helped to send off the Sheffield United goalkeeper Simon Tracey, believes it was a "one-off incident" and has appealed for the authorities not to over-react.

And Portsmouth, who have borne the brunt of the criticism for designating the First Division game a low-risk, "policefree" match, meaning there were only three police officers inside the ground, have insisted that they had done all they could to prevent the incident.

They were backed by Hampshire Police, who said the only way of ensuring that a determined spectator did not run onto the pitch was to reintroduce fences or to station hundreds of officers and stewards

around the touchline. Yet, as the FA awaited the referee's report before launching an inquiry into the incident, Elleray maintained: "There have been growing concerns at the highest level about the safety of match officials and this incident just highlights the fact that this concern was not misplaced."

Elleray said he voiced those worries to the FA after two incidents last season - when he had to stop a fan running towards Emerson during Middlesbrough's Coca-Cola Cup semi-final match at Stockport County and when another supporter allegedly tried to assault the referee Paul Danson at Everton.

## this season in the Spanish league Aston Villa in a Uefa Cup

Ron Atkinson and Christian and quickly became a crowd Gross lost vital players through favourite in his nine appearinjury yesterday, with Sheffield Wednesday's manager having to come to terms with Niclas Alexandersson being out for the rest of the season and his Tottenham counterpart having to cope with Andy Sinton's absence from tomorrow's FA Cup fourth-round replay at Barnsley.

. Alexandersson, Wednesday's Swedish international midfielder, damaged knee ligaments in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Wimbledon at Hillsborough. The 26-year-old joined Wednesday from IFK Gothenburg for \$150,000 in December ing session there before to-

\$250,000 (£156,000) bond need-

"We always knew we could

but this is amazing," Dyer

count on nine to 12 challengers, feit their bonds.

Cup game at the weekend.

SAILING '

ances. "It's a shame for the boy and a great loss for us," Atkin-

Tottenham's Sinton damaged knee ligaments in Saturday's defeat at Derby, although a scan has ruled out the immediate need for an operation, David Howells is fit again after seven weeks out with a stress fracture just below a knee and

could replace Sinton at Oakwell. Stevenage Borough will be turning their non-League ground into St James' Park this afternoon for their final train-

dicates pitched up with the series in October 1999 and tersburg Yacht Club, while Chi-

ed to stay in the 2000 America's 2000. However, all 16 are un- Hong Kong's Aberdeen Boat

and those that do not will for-

only one - from Switzerland -

Yacht Club is one of those French syndicates have merged. Association in San Diego.

Britain's Royal Dorset has dropped out, while two nis Conner's Cortez Racing

Of the 18 syndicates who

likely to make it to the start line Club.

Royal Dorset stumps up the cash to stay in America's Cup

spanning the celebrations for na will he represented through

morrow's Cup replay at Newcastle United.

side will train with their PA system hlaring out a recording of 40,000 screaming fans to help their players get used to the atmosphere at St James' Park,

Most of the non-League side's players have never played in front of a crowd higger than 8,000, the attendance at Stevenage when they forced a replay. Michael Thomas has com-

pleted his loan move from Liverpool to Middlesbrough and will make his debut in the First Division home game against Tranmere tomorrow.

Six of the 16 are from or af-

filiated to the United States, in-

cluding Dyer's own club, and

Challenger of Record, the New

York Yacht Club, Paul Cayard's

St Francis Yacht Club and Den-

## Atkinson and Gross count the cost of injuries Duffy is sacked by Hibernian

Motherwell, Jim Duffy pledged The Vauxhall Conference to stay on as Hibernian managwas summoned to a board meeting on Sunday and told that his 13 months at the Easter Road helm would end yesterday.

The former Celtic captain team selection.

The Hibernian chairman, Lex Gold, has launched the search for a new manager, with Tommy Burns, the former Celtic ter. I am hurt and disappointmanager now assisting Kenny

## those linked, "Managers at every

After Saturday's 6-2 defeat at Dulglish at Newcastle, among level have to be measured by reer until told otherwise - and he sults," Gold said. "Things have did not have long to wait. Duffy not gone our way for a while and recent losses effectively made the decision for us." Hibernian are four points adrift at the bottom of the Pre-

and manager Billy McNeill, Hibs' director of development, will take temporary charge of

terraces has again reared its head in Italy, with the death of a supporter at the Serie B match between Treviso and Cagliari on Sunday and two violent outbreaks elsewhere.

A Treviso supporter who had heart problems, collapsed and died as rival fans threw rocks and other objects at each crackers and other objects. The other at the end of the game.

There was more trouble in Lecce, when the car taking Luciano Moggi, the general manager of Juventus, away from the ground was pelted with rocks afshattered, injuring a passenger.

#### The problem of violence on the Moggi, who needed a police escort to the airport, was unburt.

At Verona, police clashed with supporters of the visiting team, Salernitana, before and during their Serie B match, At least seven fans and three officers were injured. In the second half, tear gas was used to disperse fans who were throwing firegas spread to the pitch and the

game was halted for six minutes. In December, violence hit matches in Milan, Naples, Bergamo and Bologna, despite the increase of security at games folter Juve's 2-0 win. A window was lowing the murder of a Milan fan in 1995.

#### Holders handed trip to Featherstone in Challenge Cup

The most intriguing of those Roy Heiner's Brunel Suner. The big guns were kept apart in prised when 16 challenge syn- progress towards a knock-out that remain is Russia's St Pe- gy went looking for wind to the the draw for the fourth round east yesterday, splitting away of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup from the Whithread fleet as it . last night, with St Helens, Bradworked its way south down the ford and Wigan all drawn away to lower division opposition.

worked its way south gown the coast of New Zealand.

Whitehead found the World Race (Fifth leg 6570 miles, Auckland, NZ to Sac Sebection, Braj: 1 Chesale Racing (US) 0 smith 63729 miles to hindry 2 Swedsh Mach (Swe) 6 Krantz 34 miles behind; 3 Romines (US) P Standbridge +35; 4 Ment Cup (Morneco) 0 Defton +41; 5 introvetion Resemble (No) K Prosted +58; 6 EF Language (Swe) P Cayerd and EF Education (Swe) C Guillou +62; 7 Sik Cut (GB) L Smith +70; 8 Erunel Sunergy (Noth) R Heiner 25A.

- Stuart Alexander, Auckland:

Saints, the holders, go to Featherstone: Bradford, the beaten finalists for the last two years, are at Rochdale; and Wigan, who won the Cup eight years running until 1995, are at Keighley.

The four amateur sides left in

were all drawn at home. Ellenand Halifax meeting Huddersborough, who beat Bramley in field. the last round, await a visit from . Hunslet, while Featherstone Lions, victorious at Doocaster, are ham Murray. "Being at home is first ever live televised match on

Fan dies during Italy violence

meet their professional Camhrian neighbours, Workington Town, and the Halifax-based amateurs, Ovenden, host Salford from the Super League.

Leeds at home to Castleford will make it very tough for os."

The Rangers modifielder Jörg Albertz and the Tottenham striker Jürgen Klinsmann are included in a 40-man

Germany squad to prepare for this year's World Cup finals. The injury-plaqued Borussia Dortmund defend-er Metthies Sammer has been left out.

er metures sammer ries been vist out. Romante will host the finals of the Eu-ropean Under-27 Championship. All 12 matches will be played in Sucharest between 23-31 May at two verues: the 20,000 all-seat Steaus stadium and the 15,000 all-seat Cotrocent Stadium.

Andy Thorn, the Tranmere defender,

has been forced to retire because of a persistent lone injury. The 31-year-old defender had an operation in mid-week and was told he risted serious long-term damage if he canted on

Bradford yesterday appointed the

Bractord yesterday appointed the cubs youth development officer, Civis Hutchings, as assistant manager to Paul Jewell, a role he previously held when City were promoted from the Second Division in 1995-95 under the previous manager, Chris Kamara.

CONCACAF Gold Cup first round: Group One (Los Angeles): El Salvador o

Football

"It could have been worse,"

said the new Leeds coach, Graat home to Hull KR. Egremont a slight advantage, but it is a major test for both clubs."

Anthony Sullivan, who played on the wing for St Helens in last year's Wembley triumph, described the tie at Featherstone There are just two all-Super as "a tricky one. The crowd there League Yorkshire derbies, with is right on top of you and they

The Leeds-Castleford match will be the BBC's televised tie on Saturday with Featherstone likely to be the venue for the a Sunday.

a SUDDIAy.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP Fourth round draw: Egremont v Workington; Bartow v Widnes; Lancashire Lyntx v Dewshury; Halifax v Huddersfield; Loeds v Cestleford; Batley v London; Leigh v Sherifield; Wolkefield v Wenington; Festherstone Lions v Hull K R; Ellenborough v Hurslet; Rochdele v Bradford; Swinton v York; Ovenden v Salford; Whateheven v Hull; Keighley v Wigen; Festherstone v St Helens. (Nee to be played 14-15 February).

- Dave Hadfield

## SPORTING DIGEST

### S. OOKER

Association, said.

#### White suffers whirlwind defeat at Wembley

Even the optimists were sur- that continues to make

Jones, the president of the originally put up the \$100,000

America's Cup Challengers' (£625,000) for the first bond,

match at the Benson and Hedges than that here," White said. "I'm terval with a 35 clearance. He Masters for only the third time very annoyed and disappointed." in 17 appearances when he was Runs of 39 and 33 gave play resumed with breaks of 114 defeated by Stephen Lee at White the first frame before Lee and 49. Wembley vesterday.

crashed to a 5-1 first-round de- in the fourth, White missed the now face Stephen Hendry in the feat in only 74 minutes. "I can't last red and Lee was able to second round.

fired in breaks of 85 and 86 to White, a wild-card invitation, move 2-1 ahead. Leading 65-32

Jimmy White lost his opening ever remember playing worse snatch a 3-1 advantage at the inwrapped up proceedings when

> "Tve surprised myself with this," admitted Lee, who will

Basebali

Basketball NBA: New York 89 Mem 83; LA Lakers 172 Chicago 87; Miwesicae 118 Minnesots 110; Boston 107 Houston 96; Utah 115 Golden State 88; San Antonio 153 Sacramento 97; Portland 97 Toronto 90; Indiana 98 LA Clip-pers 93; Seattle 97 New Jersey 87.

Boxing
Frank Warren, the promoter, has discussed terms with Bob Arum, who promotes Oscar De La Hoya, with a view to bringing the World Soding Council weterweight champion to Britain to feature on the same bill as Prince Nassem Hamed, the World Boding Organisation featherweight title-holder, in Oddober. Gaorge Coophil, the former Scottish Claymores detensive back, yesterday signed a one-year contract with the Super Bowl champions Denver Broncos. Coophil joined Denver after last summer and became a key reserve in the Broncos' defence.

The Romanian cross-country runner Bena Fidatov, who failed a drugs test last month, has been suspended from competition by her national fed-eration pending a second test. Cricket

Anna May Hutchison, who was an ace pitcher on the women's professional circuit formed during World War II to provide recreation and entertainment for war workers, has died at the age of 72 in Racine, Wisconsin.

American football

Athletics

Football

Northernotonshires close-season signing, the pace bowier Paul Reiffel, has been replaced by the off-spinner Gavin Robertson in the Australia one-Gavin Robertson in the Australia one-day squad for a four-match series in New Zeelland, starting on Sunday, Relf-fet has broken a finger. TOUR MATCH (Kneeries, SA; second day of tour): Paidstan 45 for 8 dec (Sased An-war 117, Reshid Latif 89to, Azhar Mahmood SA inzamenu-Hear 57 rol hurty and 216 for 9 dec (Aarris Sotel 61; O Knils 4-41; Ort-qualund West 25 (F) H Bennard TIT; Idan-tical Anned 6-69 and 9 for 3. SUPERSORT SERVES (Final day of four):

any country cosy and a for 5.

SUPERSPORT SERIES (Final day of four):
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Sapiletti 4-28, G. F. Love, 4-55); Eastern
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O J Categorian 182, M.W. Rushmare 55; Eastern
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who was voted the Most Valuable Player as he led an all-star team from the AFC to victory over the NFC in American football's Pro Bowl match in Honolulu on Sunday. Moon, the oldest player on scored the all-important touchdown.

Gustamata II Group Two (Caldand, Catif):
Trinidad & Tobago S (Noon 35, John 40, 70)
Hondures I (Paion 57) Group Three (Outland, Catif): United States S (Wegere 55, Wynaida 55, Moore per 75).
SURDAY'S LATE RESULTS: Harp Lager National League of tristand Premier Division: Finn Harps I Derry City II Spanish Langue; Cets Vigo I Asiatio Macrid I finial Langue Cets I finial round: Paris St-Garmain Langue Cets I finial round: Paris St-Ga

2 Montpeller II
FA UMBRIO TROPHY Third-round draw:
Grantham v Hednestord; Hyde v Dover;
Savenige Borough v Glouceater or Buston
Abior; Halitax or Sough v Boretsan Wood;
Barrow v Northwich Victorie; Alfrincham v
Southport; Hayes v Beahley; Astrion Urd v
Chettentham (Hes to be played Sat 21 Feb).
CSI WOMEN'S CUP Stath-round draws:
Croydon or Tottentham v Bradford City; Gersucod Salats v Barry Town; Concesser Seles
v Arsenst; Milwell Lioneases v Liverpool (Hes
to be played Sun 1 Mar).
MATKONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE Reserranged flatures: Tue 10 Feb; Tranmere
v Swincton from 14 Feb), Fit 18 Feb; Colchesters Marssield from 14 Feb), The 17 Mar;
Wigen v Bournemouth from 10 Feb; Tue
24 Mar; Grimsby v Plyvinouth from 3 Jan).
Tue 31 Mar; Wresdram v Grimsby (from 24
Jan), Tue 7 Apr; Grimsby v Luton (from 18
Nov).

Golf

Severieno Ballesteros is to part com-pany with his menager and business partner, Rodely Carr. Bellesteros sald: "Roddy and I have been good friends throughout my career and we part on the best of terms. I understand his de-sire to leave Spain and move on to oth-er things and wish the effectors. er trings and wish him all the very best with his future plane."

WOMEN'S UNIDER-19 INDOOR CUP (Crystaf Palace) Seed finate: Portishead Frabrands 2 Harleston Magniss 2 (Harleston Won 3-2 aps); Bractiond 3 Rightown 1 Final: Bractiond 1 Harleston Magnes 2

NHL: Detroit 4 Westington 2; NY Islanders 2 Boston 2 (ot); Buffalo 5 Florida 2; Mon-treal 6 Carollona 3; Anaheim 4 Chicago 3 (ot).

SuperiLEAGUE: Newcastie Cobras 3 Sheffield Steelers 5: Manchester Storm 6 Basingstoke Bisons 3: Cardiff Devils 0 Ayr Scottes Eagles 1 EOPRESS CUP: Bracknell Base 7 Notting-hem Parithers 2.

Pools dividends

HALF-TIME Score Draws (8): 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 27, 35, 40, No-ecore draws (19): 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39, 44. No cleans are required; winnings are sent automatically. Dividend lorecast is very good.

Rugby Union WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL (LIRe, Sunday): France 5 England 13. Snooker

BENSON AND HEDGES MASTERS (Warn-bley Conference Centre) First round: S Lee (Erg.) bt. J White (Erg.) 5-7. Second round: R O'Sulliven (Erg.) bt A Robidoux (Cen.) 6-5; J Wettersa (Thel) bt J Parrott (Erg.) 6-5.

SQUESS PAGES NATIONAL CHAMPI-ONSHIPS (Manchester) Men seru-final: S Parles (Yorks) bt P Johnson (Kent) 17-18 13-15 15-4 12-15 17-15. Age group firmles: Man: Over-98: P Whitbock (Devon) bt 9 Sea-son (Northumbriel) 9-1 9-3 0-8. Over-90: P Alexander (Suttols) bt 11 Admirstry (Herts) 9-5 9-3 10-8. Over-48: D Thorpe (Herts) bt O Marring (Kent) 9-5 9-7 9-4 Over-50: P Ayton Suseas) bt A Purnel (Morce) 9-1 9-1 9-1 Over-55: C Stahl (Surrey) bt R Bradley (Nortes) 9-4 9-8 9-0. Over-60: J Lyon (Es-sed) bt J White (Derby) 9-5 9-9 7- Woment-Over-35: L Brown (Statis) bt J O'Neil (Aurn) bt J Field (Votatis) 2-9 14-9 7-6-9 9-8. Over-45: A Murphy (Essen) bt M North (Surrey) 9-7 9-2 9-3.

Tennis Ten of the world's leading 20 players, including the Australian Open charm-pion, Petr Korda, have entered next month's Guardian Direct Cup in Batmonth's Guardian Direct Cup in Bet-tersee Park – the first ATP indoor tour-nament in Britain for seven years. CROATIA ATP INDOOR TOURINAMENT (Spilis Singles, first round; J Novak (CZ RED) bt. J Krippachild (Gar) 6-3 6-7 7-5; A Medivadev (Julo) bt. A Calabrara (Sp) 5-7-6-63; E Alvariz (Sp) bt. F Vicente (Sp) 6-4-6-2; G Narihevic (Crost) bt. D Princel (Gar) 7-6-6-4. MARSEBLE ATP TOURNAMENT SIngles, first round; Mr.K Goelher (Gar) bt. A Gaudietz (II) 7-6-6-2; A Portas (Sp) bt. A Lopez-Moron (Sp) 6-3-6-2.

(S) 6-3 6-3

ATP MEN'S WORLD RANKINGS: 1 P Sempare (US) 3/94pts; 2 P Konta (Cx Rep) 3/95; 3 P Reffer (Aug) 3/250; 4 J Bjorkman (Swe) 2/977; 5 M Rice (Cytle) 2/90; 9 M Chang (US) 2/92; 7 Y Kleinlikov (Rus) 2/90; 8 G Rusedski (GB) 2/530; 8 R Krajicek (Neth) 2/238; 10 A Corrella (Sp) 2/285; 11 S Bruguare (Sp) 2/281; 12 G Kusrian (Gh) 2/202; 13 K Kusare (Slovak) 2/91; 14 F Marillia (Sp) 1947; 15 T Muster (Aut) 1/801; 16 G I variety (Croe) 1/967; 17 M Philippousels (Aus) 1/908; 15 T Henman (GB) 1/768; 19 A Bensatisgui (Sp) 1/869; 20 C Proline (F) 1/856. Other leading Britons: 182 A Richardson; 164 C Wilkinson; 188 M Petchey.

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NORTHERN GUARTER-PAUL
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THERD-ROUND REPLAY
Rose County v Artists
SECOND DIVISION
STECHN V Gusen of the South
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RYMAN LEAGUE First Division: There V Billings (7.45): Abingdon Fourth V Bognor Regis (7.45): Second Division: Legistra V Bristings (7.45): Third DM-slove Analy V Herriord (7.45): Croydon Affelier V Carrbring (7.45); Epson & Ewell V Fischwell EV Carrbring (7.45); Epson & Ewell V Fischwell

Heeft (7/45), Vandanel Trophy third round: Northwood v Cervey bland. INTERLINK EXPRESS MEDIAND ALLIANCE: Briggroth v Oldbury. Redustrial Revenus Legate Cap second-round replay; Paleal Vi-la v Barresi. te v Berweit, NORTHERN COUNTIES RAST LEAGUE Pre-inter Divisions America v Ecclephil; Hestfeld Mein Vloyth Ferrby; Huchreit v Ossent Abican (745); Unersedge v Theodey; SCREWFIX DRECT LEAGUE Premier Divisions Backweit v Chippertrent; Meilsheit v Taumon (745).

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UNLIET SUBSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First DI-visions Burgles Hill v Portfald; Haldmann v Ess-bourne Town, Littlehempton v Stratehem.
WINSTON, EAD KENT LEAGUE First Divisions.
Follostoms Invide v Becksyntern; Henne Bay v VCD Atheric. VCD Affetde.
PONTINS LEACHE Premier Division: Leace e Accingham Forest (72) (or Halles). First Division: Crimbly v Bolton (73).
AVON BISINGANCE COMBINATION First Division: Ansmal v Cusente Park Rangers (23).
THE TIBLES RY YOUTH CUP Fourth round: Ansmal V Briston (73); Creuse v Totsmham (73); Westlord v Eventon.

Basketball

UNI-BALL, TROPHY Semi-final first leg: Lon-don Towers v Newpassie Engles (70). Other sports

SNOOKER: Berson & Hedges Masters (et Wem-bley Conference Confet)

The age of Warren Moon, of the Seattle Seahawks.

the pitch by four years,

## Dublin given chance to do a Hurst for England

With the World Cup just over four months away Glenn Hoddle has made a striking experiment for England's friendly against Chile next week. Shades of 1966, perhaps? Phil Show reports.

Form is temporary, they say, but class is permanent. Michael Owen and Dion Duhlin, strikers from the opposite end of the age spectrum, have satisfied Glenn Hoddle on the first criterion. Now they must prove that can translate into a place in England's World Cup plans.

The diminutive Owen, who did not turn 18 until mid-December, and the towering Dublin, who reaches 29 in April, were the only uncapped players named yesterday by Hoddle in a 24-man squad to face Chile in a friendly at Wembley a week tomorrow.

Their inclusion in the senior ternational the previous night. did not, however, represent the only surprise. Robbie Fowler, attention. Owen's attacking partner at Liveither fixture, despite starting England's last game, the 2-0 win over Cameroon in November.

side, although the discarded Gary Pallister, Stuart Pearce and collected their last caps.

Alan Shearer is back in Hoddle's squad after starting just two competitive matches this season, yet it is the coach's boldness in picking Owen and Dublin that is more likely to light up the boxoffice switchboard.

Owen, who did not make his Liverpool dehnt until last May, would become the youngest England player this century were he to appear against Chile. The current record holder, Duncan Edwards, was 18 years and 183 days old when he faced Scotland in 1955.

hurn on Saturday. The previous weekend he had watched Dublin play a major part in Coventry's FA Cup defeat of Derby. "I've got six games [between now and the finals] to look at people," he said. "With the form Owen and Dublin are in, it's a good

time to see if they can handle international football."

Contrary to the impression Hoddle gave in December, when he made a baffling and unsubstantiated aside about about Owen's "off-the-pitch situation", he now believed he had "the right temperament". He added: "I want to have a look at him and see the differences between him and Robbie Fowler. But what Michael's doing week in, week out for his club suggests he could get into the final 22.

Although Owen's career total of first-team goals, 14, is one less than Dublin's tally this seaa hot streak in the Premiership son, the Coventry centre-forward's elevation comes into the category of a shock rather than a surprise. Released by Norwich without playing a League game, he made his reputation in John Beck's long-ball team at Cambridge United.

After a £1m move to Manchester United, he netted on his debut only to hreak a leg in his third match. He has been a regular scorer for Coventry, though party, rather than for the B in- Hoddle revealed that it was in his role as a stopgap centre-back that he first came to England's

"He was very close to getting erpool, has not been selected for in last year as a defender. This season I've had fantastic reports of his forward play and his display against Derby was the best At 22, Fowler has time on his - I've seen all season by a target

While it may seem rather Matthew Le Tissier may have close to the World Cup to be experimenting, there is a striking precedent. Thirty-two years ago this month, five months before England's opening match in the finals, Alf Ramsey first tonk a chance on Geoff Hurst. The rest is history.

The remainder of Hoddle's senior squad is much as expected, although Steve McManaman, substituted on Saturday with a hamstring strain, and Martin Keown, who was absent with a shoulder injury, may have to drop out.

Andy Cole is an obvious candidate to be one of the starting Hoddle was excited by the strikers, especially after Hoddle teenager's pacy contribution to admitted that if Shearer played at all it would be as a

Les Ferdinand may consider himself a trifle fortunate to be involved, considering that he has also suffered from the "indifferent form" the coach detected in Fowler. Thought was given to playing the latter in the B match hut Hoddle said:



The squad for the B game, to be played at West Bromwich, is a hotch-potch of players with an outside chance of making it to France, those who have progressed beyond Under-21 level and late developers.

The 19-man selection was

"Robbie has nothing to prove also as notable for who was over- bracketed him with Oweo when - no Tim Sherwood, no Stan Collymore - but Hoddle will be particularly keen to see how Rio Ferdinand shapes in his likely

role as constructive sweeper. The West Ham defender, a relative veteran at 19, also played against Cameroon. The coach good international players in five years. My dilemma is whether they can do it in five months."

Michael Owen, who at 18 could become the youngest England

international this century, scores another goal for Liverpool

(above) just nine years after receiving an award from Gary Speed for his exploits in the Deeside Area Primary School Under-II team

ENGLAND SQUAD (Friendly v Chile, 11 February, Wembley); Martyn (Leeds), Flowers (Backton, G Nevelle (Assaulta), Pelvelle (Assulta), Pelvelle (Assulta), Adams (Arsens), Compbell (Expertam), Southgests (Assur Vita), Novem (Arsens), Le Sout (Chilese), Hoursellife (Sheft Ved), Bed

ENGLAND B SOULD) to Chile, 10 February at West Bromit: Histop (Newcastle), Presamen Sheff West; Metson (Newcastle), Presamen (Neer Ham), Mattee (Liverpool), Dywr (Inswich), Wilcox (Excident), Partour (Annothe), Causable (OFR, Masson (McKriesbrusyk), Bermity (Esse-ter), Esset (Newcastle), States (Blockhorn), Mass

Juninho out of World Cup,

## Lightning speed and progress of a prodigy

He is young, gifted and back in Glenn Hoddle's good books. Michael Owen could become England's youngest player this century next week, surpassing even the great Duncan Edwards. Guy Hodgson reports on Liverpool's striking prodigy.

Kenny Dalglish had a better acquaintance with improbable goals than most and he thought he had noticed a flaw in the one that Michael Owen got against. Newcastle United two weeks ago. "Bobbled, didn't it?" he said with a smile, only to have it wiped off his face with astonishment when he heard the shot had been true.

"He had no right to score goals like that," he said in a tone approaching awe. "Shaka Hislop is 6ft plus and almost on his line...." His voice, never booming, tailed off into silence in ad-

miration of the andacity of youth.

Photographs, including one in Liverpool's programme on Saturday, lend authenticity to the notion the goal owed nothing to luck. The study is of an 18-yearold face bereft of the nagging anxieties that currently run across the features of his striking partner Robbie Fowler. He is locked in concentration as he calmly beat the Newcastle goalkeeper with a volley from a narrow angle. . .

Bad players do not score goals like that and such is the lightning progress of the prodigy there would have been more surprise if Glenn Hoddle had left him out of yesterday's England-squad to face Chile next Wednesday than when he was included. The fact that Fowler had to step down to make way for Owen merely underlines how the pecking order has changed at

iverpool in six short months. In 32 first-team games he has scored 13 times, but that statistic does not do him justice because so many Liverpool goals stem from Owen's ability to beat his call-up to the England squad players. There is no obvious is an acknowledgement of that. of the feet, just a precocious awareness of the possibilities around him. In a flash he turns and uses extraordinary balance

and speed to get away. You can't talk about potential with Michael any more,". Roy Evans, his manager, said. "He's there already, the full play er. He's like Alan Shearer many ways. He's focused in Shearer, he works hard and strong mentally."

It was always the case. Units most gifted young footballen who can flower as a schoolbo then wilt away in a season, the have hardly been any double about Owen. Born in Chesie and the son of a striker, Tear who played nearly 300 League games (scoring 70 times) with six clubs including Everton and Chester, he was noticed after breaking Ian Rush's record of 72 goals for Deeside Schools.

Graeme Souness brough him to the club and within months of signing apprentic forms he was scoring a hat-trick against the holders Manchest United in the Youth Cup. He ga another goal in the final againg West Ham as Liverpool won the competition for the first time.

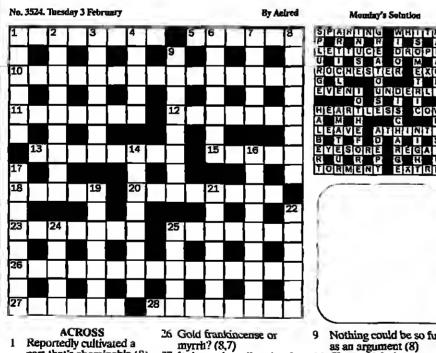
The goals have continued in flow at every level - including his Liverpool and England . Under-21 debuts - and, but for a sending off against Yugoslavia playing for England Under-18 at Rotherham last year and a surprising questioning of his character by Hoddle run months ago, his progress has been nearly flawless.

Hoddle's criticism - There are certain things he needs to stamp out of his game and out of his off-the-pitch situation as well - was greeted with astonishment at Antield. Quiet and studious, a Spice Boy he is not, even if his boyish good looks mean he is overtaking Peter Andre as a pinup for the teen generation.

"We have no problem whatsoever with Michael Owen," Evans said in response. "He's a model professional for a young lad, who has a level head on his shoulders and does the right things for himself and the football club. We say to him every week that you learn this gain all the time and you can keep

improving. Subsequent conversations with Evans have convinced Hoddle of the error of his phrase and is the prospect of his becoming the youngest player this century to make his debut for England; surpassing Duncan Edwards six days after the 40th anniversary of the Munich air crash that ultimately cost the young Manchester United player his life.

## THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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- form (7)
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## Guscott back as Woodward makes some tough decisions

England may have played out of their skins against New Zealand last December, but Clive Woodward wants more. The national coach has made three changes, only one of them enforced, for his opening gambit in the Five Nations against the French in Paris on Saturday.

Chris Hewett reports on a brutal selection.

Never helieve a coach when he sets about debunking a legend in advance of a big game. This time last week, Clive Woodward was telling anyone who would listen that Jeremy Guscott, one of the sublime midfield talents of his generation, was not quite ready to reclaim possession of his England shirt after seven long months on the treatment table. "No one gets into a side of mine on reputation." Woodward pronounced. "He'll need a huge game for Bath in the ward informed him that, like De Heineken Cup final to stand a chance," Guscott did not have a bad Cup final by any means - in fact, it was pretty outstanding given that he had played only one match since July - hut to describe his display as "huge" would be to stretch the Bath's Heineken Cup-winning definition of the word well heyond hreaking point. Nevertheless, Woodward yesterday named him in his starting lineup for Paris, one of Guscott's favourite rugby cities.

All of which gives the Tricolors two things to panic about. They have seen quite enough of Guscott down the years to fear his predatory instincts hut, if anything, they are even more concerned about the state of the pitch at the hrand spanking new Stade de France in the north of the city. The surface is frost-bound and, given the absence of undersoil

ponement Guscott's recall relegates Phil de Glanville, his Bath colleague, to the replacements' bench - something of an irony, given that Jack Rowell's decision to award De Glauville the England captaincy last season resulted in similar frustration for Guscott. The other back division change sees the temporary

demise of Matt Perry after four

chance of an embarrassing post-

consecutive Tests at full-back. If Perry was to be deprived of all his bad luck, he would have no luck at all. The Bath youngster took a stinging slap in the face for the second week running yesterday when Wood-Glanville, he had conceded his shirt to a club-mate. Not any old club-mate, either, but his close friend Mike Catt, whose lamentable goal-kicking against Richmood 10 days ago effectively cost Perry his place in

It has not been the greatest few days for the 21-year-old and when he reaches England's palatial Versailles Hotel tomorrow evening, it will be no

particular surprise if he finds his room double-booked.

"I didn't expect Matt to iump no and down with joy and he was naturally very disappointed to be among the replacements, but he took the news well and be'll be all the bigger for it," Woodward said.

"To be honest, it's the first time I'd been involved in a really difficult England selection meeting. To change the side afheating, there is an outside ter the New Zealand game was a tough decision but we're playing away in unusual circumstances and I think Jerry and Mike bring that extra little bit of experience to the side. Jerry is a genuine outside centre and he's looking fresh. I rate Mike as a massive talent, a world-class attacking player and I'd have been happy to see him in any one of three or four positions.

"The real debate surrounded the inside centre position. where Phil and Will Greenwood were in for one place. I'm happy with the side we've come up

England will confront the powerful French pack with one enforced change at hooker. where Mark Regan comes in for the injured Richard Cockerill. Dorian West, who understudies Cockerill at Leicester. steps up to the bench along with Tim Rodber, the Northampton captain and last summer's Lions No 8.

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